



COMMENT OF THE DAY

Strategic Ban.

THERE are no bounds to the absurdity of the present Western ban on the export of certain goods to the Communist bloc. In principle it may be argued that it is the essence of good sense to withhold "strategic goods" from the aggressor, China and its convulsing partner, Russia. But the principal architect of this idea, America, must surely realise by now that in practice the West is supplying Russia and China with "strategic goods" and that this practice is now militating unfairly against those countries which, at America's own behest, at the Chinese entry into the Korean war, decided to withhold what was in fact fuel for the enemy's fire. The futility of the present ban is seen in reports coming from Moscow of the progress of talks between the Soviet Trade Ministry and 33 British businessmen. Russia wants five tankers and 50 cargo ships, among other things—an order which British shipyards, literally crying out for new business, would be only too happy to accept providing prices and delivery dates were suitable. Competent observers, however, expect that the Board of Trade will not be able to authorise the orders, ostensibly because the ships come under the category of "strategic goods." Yet there is nothing to stop countries like Belgium and Western Germany—both prospective members of the EDC and both affiliated with the wider network of the Western Alliance—from accepting the orders and grasping the very trade that would help Britain to surmount the appalling obstacles which confront it in the export field.

It appears, from the statement by Mr Leslie Gurnage, Joint Managing Director of the British General Electric Company, made in Hongkong on Friday, that the definition of "strategic goods" is likely to be changed gradually to enable those countries which want to trade with Communist countries to expand their exports. This presumably is a move designed to satisfy the conscience of officialdom that Britain is still playing the game, "still trading within the law." The ban however is to remain for the time being and the trade barrier is a form of East-West tension as much as the bickering at Berlin. There is a view held by a small but influential group within the US State Department that by persisting with the ban on trade with China, America is only destroying the good reputation it has held in the eyes of the Chinese people since the early part of this century when it waived its share of the indemnity for damages arising out of the Boxer rebellion and asked that it be devoted to education purposes. Their view is best summed up by Robert Elegant in his recent book "China's Red Leaders": "The Russian rulers half believe, but the Chinese Reds are wholly convinced that America is stretching her long arm across the oceans to steal their wealth. As long as Russian lies and American mistakes continue to blind the Chinese to the truth, so long will the threat of a massive, inert Asiatic despotism lie over the spirits of mankind. Mao Tse-tung needs material assistance which only the United States can provide." The Americans must make a careful study of this consideration, for by persisting with a foreign trade policy of high tariff barriers on the one hand and the present China policy on the other, the US may one day be accused by an ally, sick of "playing the game" of "political hypocrisy" and "economic selfishness."

CRUCIAL WEEK IN BERLIN

DISCUSSIONS

Reds Fear Riots In Berlin

Police & Troops Move In

Berlin, Feb. 7. East German and Soviet units rumbled into position around Berlin today, ready to smash any workers' rebellion over a threatened potato famine and the tough Communist stand on Germany at the Big Four conference.

Informed sources said tonight that about 40,000 East German police troops—one-fifth of the entire people's police force—have been moved to the Berlin area. The sources said that an undisclosed number of Soviet troops were also transferred to positions around East Berlin. It was there that the workers' revolt against the Reds started last June 17. As the Red troops moved in, western officials said that the East German potato crop in the ground. Grain and meat were also reported in short supply and coal shortages and power cuts plagued the Eastern Zone.

Western officials said that only large quantities of food from the Soviet Union or other Eastern Zone satellites could prevent a food shortage worse than that which touched off the revolt last June. The threats of famine added to an already explosive situation, in which reports from the Communist Zone said workers openly demonstrated for free elections to unify Germany and threatened to march on Berlin, where the Big Four Foreign Ministers are meeting. In Berlin and other major cities, the Communists turned strategic points into bastions to meet the threat. Meanwhile, the official Soviet newspaper, *Tass*, disclosed that the severe cold had cut brown coal production "sharply" and demanded that "measures be taken to normalise brown coal production quickly and make up deficits." The authoritative newspaper warned, "Brown coal is essential for energy production, as a fuel for industry and for households." The shortage already has led to widespread power cuts in the Zone.—United Press.

CAMP RAIDED

Tel-Aviv, Feb. 7. Egyptians yesterday raided an Israeli Beduin camp and carried off 18 camels after a gun fight, it was reported today. Israel has protested against the violation of the Israeli-Egyptian armistice agreement.—United Press.

Spy Ring Broken Up

Norwegian security police tonight disclosed that they had broken up a foreign espionage ring operating in the vicinity of NATO's strategic Northern Headquarters.

The official announcement said the ring had been under surveillance in the Oslo area for some time and a "number" of arrests were made last week. It did not disclose how many alleged spies were seized nor the foreign power for whom they worked. Oslo is the headquarters of NATO's Northern group, the joint force charged with defending the West's vulnerable Northern flank, which lies across the narrow Baltic Sea from Russia. Although officials declined to comment on the Security Police

First Secret Session Today

INDO-CHINA & KOREA

Berlin, Feb. 8. The Big Four Foreign Ministers today start the third week of their conference, and Western observers believe that by the week-end it will be clear whether an East-West agreement is possible on the problems before them.

Today the Ministers—deadlocked on the future of Germany after last week's debate—hold their first secret session to discuss Russia's call for talks with Communist China and a world disarmament conference.

It is expected to be one of the most critical debates so far. The general feeling among Western delegates is that 10 more days will see the conference out. But Communist observers say it will probably go on for weeks.

The Western powers are still resolved to oppose Mr Molotov's plea for negotiations with Communist China on all the world's political, economic and military problems. But they are ready to sit with representatives of the Peking Government in an attempt to settle Korea's postwar fate, provided the North and South Korean Governments also take part.

And in deference to France's anxiety to end her nine-year fight against the Communists in Indo-China, they will also offer to meet Communist China on this problem. Their agreement here will be conditional on Mr Molotov's readiness to accept the associated states of Indo-China—Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam—and the Vietnamese leader Ho Chi-minh at the conference table.

The West may also add an additional qualification that Peking must first stop the flow of aid and supplies to Ho Chi-minh. The pressure on Mr Georges Bidault in Paris to do all he can to bring an Indo-China armistice is such however, that this is hardly likely to be a sticking point, according to French sources. But Mr Molotov will doubtless make the most he can out of France's desire to end the Indo-China war. He is unlikely, therefore, to modify his proposed agenda to the extent of completely meeting the West's terms for talks with Communist China.

No complete agreement is expected to be reached on the Soviet call for a world disarmament meeting. The Western powers insist that conventional disarmament is primarily the job of the United Nations, and the fruitless discussion on atomic weapons control can only follow acceptance of President Eisenhower's plan for an international pooling of atomic resources for peaceful use.

Also on the agenda for the secret session today is the timing of the talks on the Austrian state treaty.

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One major point, which will be brought up for discussion at the conference, which is held in the Western sector, is the arrangement of a date to discuss the Austrian state treaty so that the Austrian delegation, which, it is hoped, may be given a hearing, can be summoned to Berlin in time. So far, Mr Molotov has refused to discuss this point, but has suggested that "the means of taking up" the Austrian question could well be discussed at tomorrow's restricted session. Hopes of an eventual agreement of Germany faded tonight when authoritative American circles said that it was highly probable that "the Soviet Government's participation could be reached at the Big Four conference." These sources said that following a careful analysis of Mr Molotov's latest statements, the American delegation felt that there was little hope of reaching an agreement on Germany's future. (Continued from page 1)



Sabotage On HMS Glory

London, Feb. 7. The Admiralty announced tonight that minor acts of sabotage had been committed on board the aircraft carrier HMS *Glory* now in Malta. An inquiry has been opened. Four other British carriers, the *Warrior*, *Eagle*, *Indefatigable* and *Ocean* have been sabotaged in three months. HMS *Glory*, displacing 15,100 tons, was launched in 1944 and has completed 141,130 miles and 1,050 men.—France-Press.

Naked Man's Escapade

Calcutta, Feb. 7. A naked man, climbing on the topmost girder of the 250 ft. high Howrah Bridge here, dislodged the city's traffic for four hours today. Hundreds of people jammed the roadway to watch the man's "Tarzan" antics, which kept the Calcutta police and fire brigade guessing. After eluding a fireman's efforts to get him down, the man seemed to descend, it was said, with a meal and a message. But he stipulated that the message must be given on the top of the bridge. A Howrah beggar offered to bring him down and climbed the bridge with a length of rope. As he climbed the nudist, perched breath-taking "flying trapeze" acts on the narrow bars spanning the highest girders. When the beggar reached the top, the acrobat threatened to hurl himself to the earth down after an argument he lay down on the girder and fell asleep. Firemen, then, ascended the bridge, secured the naked man with ropes and lowered him to safety. The man was taken to a Calcutta police station—where tonight he was demanding a feast of sweets and which he said had been promised him for not jumping from the bridge.—China Mail Special.

Former China Bishop's Death

Bordeaux, France, Feb. 7. Monsignor Paulin Joseph Justin Abouy, former Bishop of Nanning, and expelled from China in September, 1942, died here last night. Bishop Abouy was born at Camboulas (Aveyron) in 1880 and was ordained priest here in 1903. He was consecrated Bishop of Nanning in 1939. After almost 15 years in China, he was expelled from the country in 1942. He was a member of the Chinese Bishops' Conference and had been in France since 1942. (Continued from page 1)

Two-Day Vietminh Assault Smashed

Hanoi, Feb. 7. French forces smashed a two-day Vietminh assault attempting to outflank their Central Laos defenses today and sent Red shock troops reeling back into the jungle under incessant air attack. The elite rebel units left scores of slain and wounded in minefields and barbed wire entanglements ringing the French fortress of Dakdao in desperate attempts to break through a murderous curtain of French artillery fire.

A French spokesman said the Vietminh had "suffering losses" in the battle around the post 14 miles southeast of Kontum, main French defence system. The Vietminh defence system Operation "Atlanta" troops, who had landed in mid-January on the Annam coast to liberate 800,000 square miles of territory from Communist rule. It was the second unsuccessful Vietminh attempt in four days to overwhelm the outnumbered Dakdao garrison, and stay into the flank of the French. The Vietminh defence system Operation "Atlanta" troops, who had landed in mid-January on the Annam coast to liberate 800,000 square miles of territory from Communist rule. It was the second unsuccessful Vietminh attempt in four days to overwhelm the outnumbered Dakdao garrison, and stay into the flank of the French. The Vietminh defence system Operation "Atlanta" troops, who had landed in mid-January on the Annam coast to liberate 800,000 square miles of territory from Communist rule. 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UK MUST HAVE ITS OWN BOMBERS

"We Can't Leave It To US": Slessor

London, Feb. 7.

Britain's former Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal Sir John Slessor, told BBC listeners tonight that if Britain wanted to remain a first-class power, she could not leave to the United States alone the provision of a bomber force for the free world's defence.

The famous war-time leader, who saw Britain's huge R.A.F. bomber forces reduce German cities to ruins, said bluntly that he was against the suggestion that Britain should leave the provision of bomber forces to America.

Dr Soper To Visit Moscow

Bristol, Feb. 7.

Dr Donald Soper, President of Britain's Methodist Church, who recently criticised Queen Elizabeth for ending horse races, said today that he will visit Russia in October.

He told Bristol University students he did not believe

that the information that

filtered through the Iron

Curtain concerning

conditions in Communist

countries but he would have

a better idea after his visit.

—Reuter.

"NATO Could Withstand A Soviet Attack"

Athens, Feb. 7.

General Lawton Collins, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, said today he was convinced NATO forces could withstand any attack by Russia and her satellites long enough to defeat it in the end.

General Collins, a former United States Army Chief of Staff, arrived here by air today from Malta for a six-day visit.

He said today: "NATO forces are in a position to defend successfully all vital points. Our aim is to build enough strength to deter aggression."

Usually reliable sources here say Greece has impressed on the Atlantic Pact Organisation her difficulties in maintaining military expenditure at a level equal to 42 per cent of the country's annual budget.

General Collins is due to fly

to Turkey next Saturday.

—Reuter.

UK Businessmen In Stalingrad

Moscow, Feb. 7.

A total of 24 British businessmen of a 33-man delegation now in the Soviet Union went to Stalingrad today to see the city and the Volga-Don Canal.

They will return to Moscow tomorrow night and will again see Soviet Foreign Trade Minister Kabanov. They will then divide up into groups, those who want to continue business in Moscow will stay here and the rest will go to Warsaw. —France-Press.

Mid-Air Explosion Hurlled Them Into Space

Anchorage, Alaska, Feb. 7.

Six survivors of an Air Force C-47 crash near Mt. McKinley on Friday were flown back to civilisation today and said their transport exploded in flight before the crash, hurling them out into space.

All six parachuted to safety while the plane crashed in the rugged, snow-covered foothills of North America's highest mountain.

An Air Force helicopter and a bush pilot flew two of the survivors to Talkeetna and four to Curry, 123 miles north of Anchorage.

Planes and ground rescue teams on snowshoes searched for additional survivors among the 10 persons aboard the four-engine plane when it crashed.

Cliff Hudson, a bush pilot, who first spotted the wreckage, said the survivors told him they were lying on the floor of the plane when an unexplained explosion ripped open the fuselage and sent them flying.

The C-47 crashed in freezing rain on Friday while on a

"If we want to remain a first-class power, we cannot leave to an ally, however staunch and loyal, the monopoly of this instrument of such decisive importance in these issues of peace and war," he said.

If air power were cancelled out by both sides finding some effective and practicable means of defence, "World War III would be on the cards again."

Air Marshal Slessor said that it was possible that the guided missile of the future might be diverted by some means, or even prematurely exploded with its atomic war-head.

"But, as far as I know, no one has the foggiest idea how to set about it."

GLOOMY PROSPECT

Should a deadlock in air power versus defence arise, the free world would have to match Russia man for man, tank for tank and defence escort for U-boat.

That could only be a very gloomy prospect, indeed, especially if China, with her almost limitless manpower, were allied with Russia.

Speaking on atomic disarmament, Air Marshal Slessor said the attainment of this goal would be a tremendous advantage to the side with masses of people, disciplined, expendable manpower.

"That, no doubt, is why the Kremlin bangs the drum of atomic disarmament on every conceivable occasion," he added. —France-Press.

Huge Mosque To Have Its Own Car Park

Brunel Town, Feb. 7.

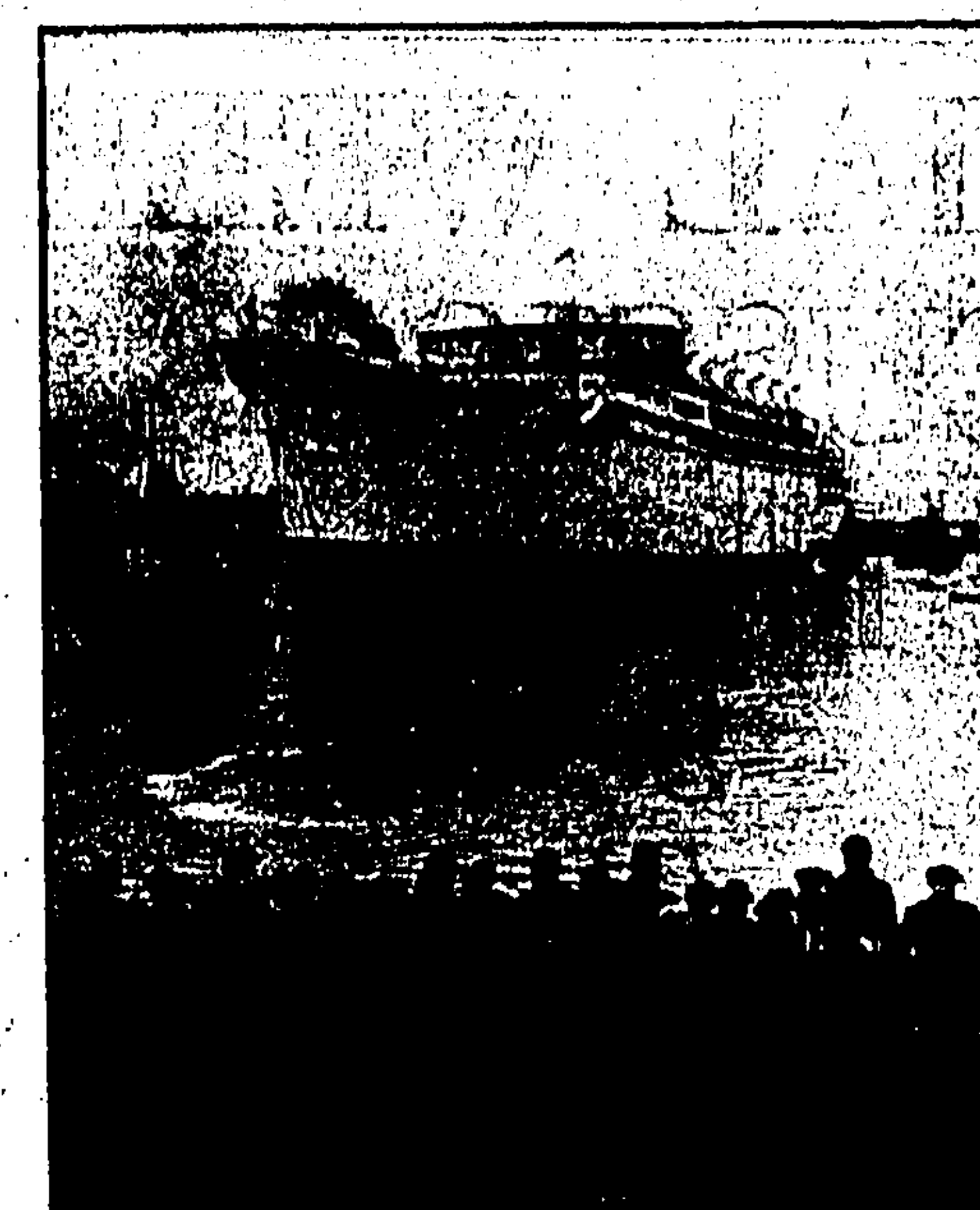
The oil-rich Sultanate of Brunel has started building a new 2,000,000 state-owned mosque in the centre of Brunel town, the capital, which will become the centre of the British-protected Sultanate's official Muslim religion.

Engineers tested the soft soil of the town area until they decided on the site suitable for the building. Before work could be commenced, occupants of houses in the area had to be resettled.

The gleaming gilded dome of the new mosque surrounded by 20 minarets up to 90 feet tall will dominate the banks of the Brunel River and make the mosque one of the biggest structures in the town.

As a modern touch, the architects (a British-owned Malayan firm) have planned a roomy car park to hold the shiny new vehicles of worshippers, bought from royalties of one of the world's richest oilfields. —Reuter.

New P & O Liner Launched



The new 28,000-ton P and O liner "Iberia" in the water after her launch by Lady McGrigor, wife of the First Sea Lord, at Harland and Wolff's Yard at Belfast recently. —Central Press.

Call For More Foreign Aid For India

New Delhi, Feb. 8.

An International Monetary Fund mission today called for increased foreign aid to India in a report to the Indian Government published here.

The mission, which studied the Indian economic and financial situation last year, said additional foreign aid was necessary to ensure the success of India's five-year economic development plan.

The report declared that the plan was "essential to the well-being of the people of India and so important to the survival of democracy in Asia."

Britain, the United States and Commonwealth countries have been assisting India to achieve the goals set in her five-year plan.

Today's message to these countries from the Monetary Fund experts was that increased grants would ease the strain on the Indian Government, which would otherwise face severe setbacks in its efforts to improve living standards and develop its economy.

(Financial outlay under the plan launched in March 1951 was recently increased by £120,000,000 to bring the total to approximately £1,670 million.)

ENORMOUS DIFFICULTIES
 At the same time the report urged the Indian Government to implement the plan with many

independent economic and social measures and to reject any policy of inflation for the sake of a temporary spurt in investment.

It commented: "India has faced enormous economic difficulties arising from the disruption of war and partition."

"It has come through these difficulties with an economy that is reasonably stable and it has begun to regain the ground that was lost in the past."

"But progress has been slow, too slow, and must be accelerated. The minimum objective to be attained in the course of the five-year plan is to restore the economy of India to its prewar position."

The report said India was now in a position to undertake a large volume of investment and urged the Government to regard "development with a will" as a basic economic policy.

The Monetary Fund experts were of the opinion that the standard of living in India had "deteriorated somewhat" since before the second world war. —Reuter.

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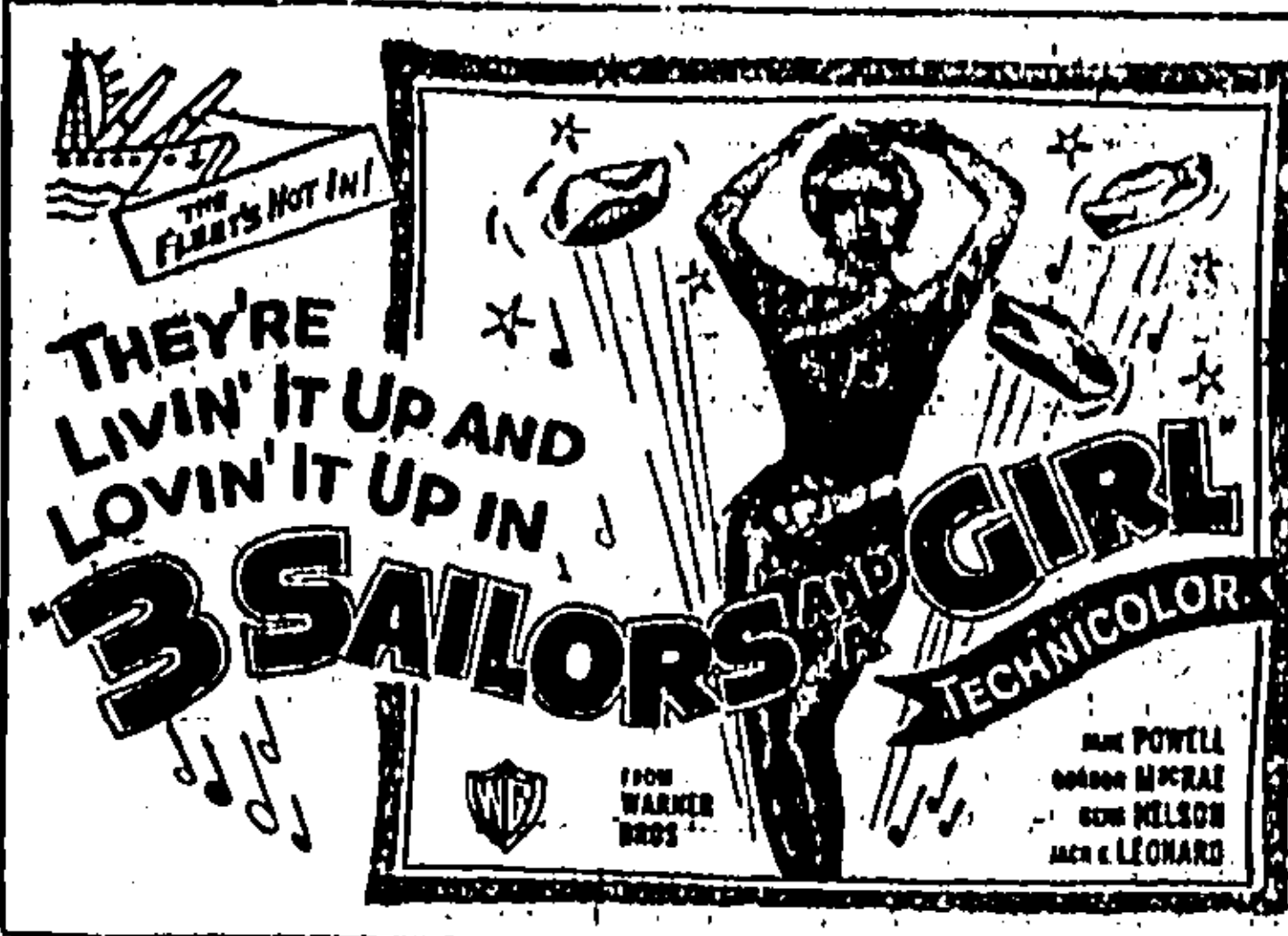
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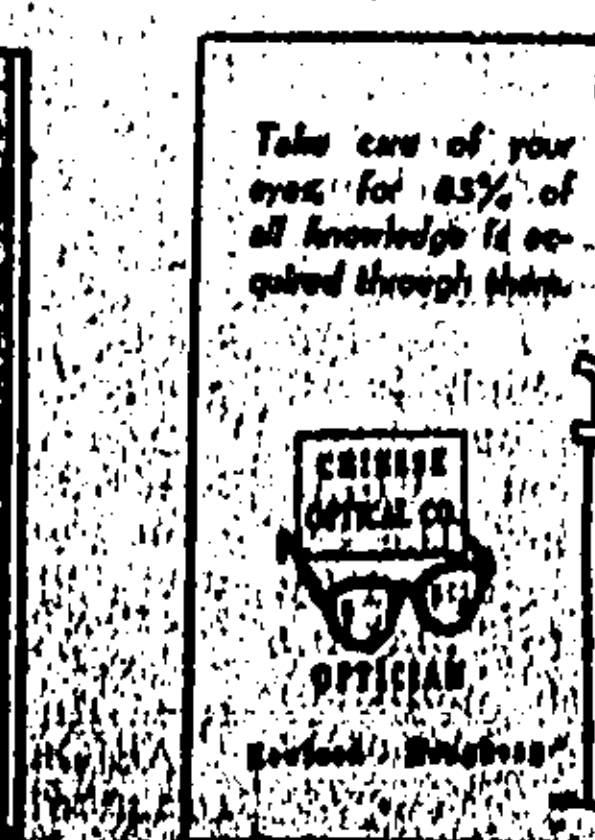
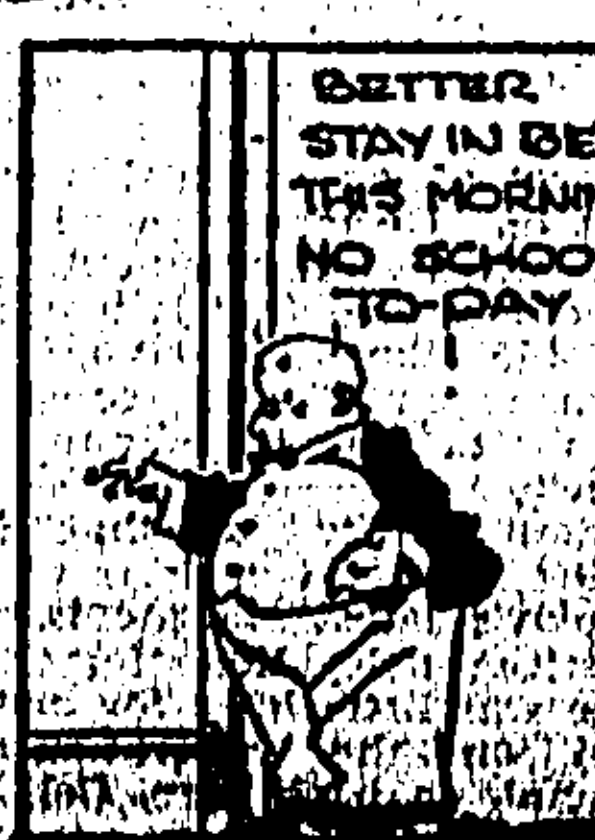
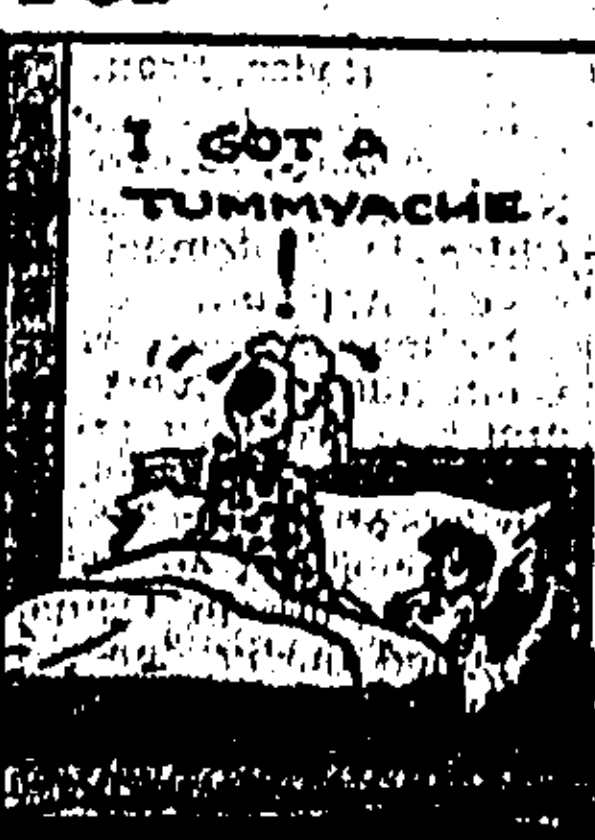
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CHINESE JETS MOVED SOUTH

Within Striking Distance Of Indo-China

Tokyo, Feb. 8.

The Chinese Communists have moved some of their Russian-built jet fighters to South China airfields within striking distance of Indo-China, it was learned here today.

The MIG-15s were reported located at a string of newly constructed bases and fighter strips in Kwangsi province not far from the Indo-China border.

Warning To Buyers

Farouk May Try To Get Back His Treasures

Rome, Feb. 7.

The personal secretary of ex-King Farouk of Egypt published a communique here today warning tentative buyers of Farouk's possessions, to be offered for sale in Cairo by the Egyptian authorities this week, that the validity of this sale could be contested by his lawyers at a later undetermined date.

The communique said that the former king's lawyers, John Stenson of London and Admond Rallick of Beirut, contested the legality of the Egyptian government's decision to sell "objects d'art" which were the personal property of ex-King Farouk and his family for generations.

The present Egyptian legal code, they added, gave no authorization for such a sale.

The communique added that Farouk reserved the right to bring action, when he thought fit, against future buyers of his possessions.

For this reason his secretary felt obliged to tell tentative buyers the doubtful legality of this week's sale.—France-Press.

Never Any Atheists In The Trenches Says Mr Eisenhower

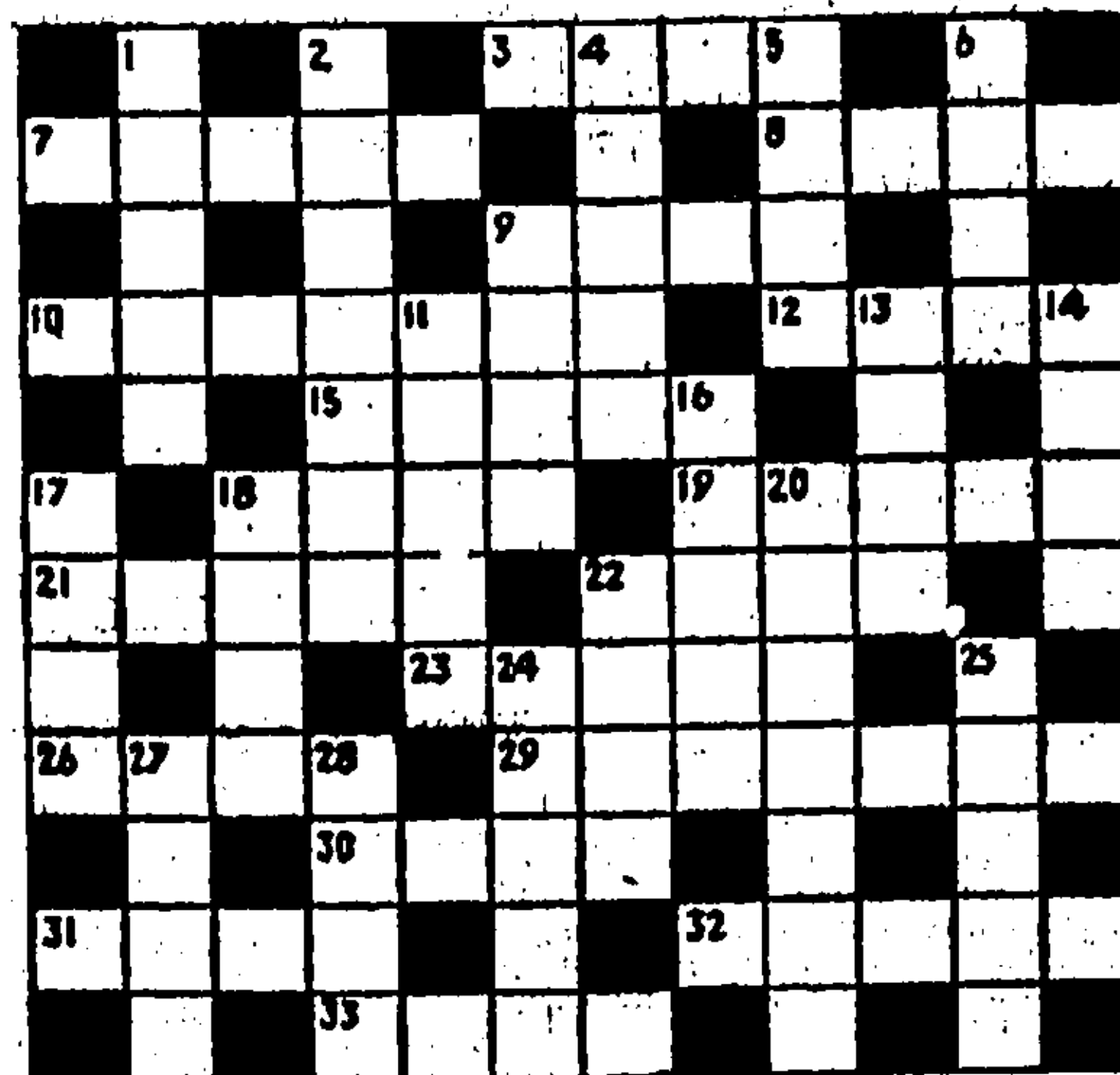
Washington, Feb. 7.

President Eisenhower said in a televised religious message tonight that he had noticed one great truth in battle—that there were never any atheists in the trenches.

The message, contained in an American Legion religious show, stressed the importance to America of keeping her faith.

Speaking as a veteran soldier, President Eisenhower said he was glad to see war veterans supporting a movement intended to recall the presence of God in daily life.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Luffy (4).
- 2 Swift (6).
- 3 A breed of horse (4).
- 4 Sovereign (4).
- 5 Confused (7).
- 6 Cast off (4).
- 7 Cost (5).
- 8 Crisp (5).
- 9 Mouth (5).
- 10 Set of students (5).
- 11 Break off (4).
- 12 Cast out (6).
- 13 Demagogue (4).
- 14 Bull (7).
- 15 Land measure (4).
- 16 Angled (4).
- 17 Deceive (5).
- 18 Slaughtered (4).

DOWN

- 1 Indefinite (5).
- 2 Conundrums (7).
- 3 Tolerate (5).
- 4 Falls behind (4).
- 5 War (3).
- 6 Retained (4).
- 7 Fall from grace (6).
- 8 Stringed instrument (4).
- 9 Overcast (4).
- 10 Weapon (5).
- 11 Dross (4).
- 12 Brandish (4).
- 13 Blotches (7).
- 14 Archer (5).
- 15 Margin (5).
- 16 Commence (5).
- 17 Unemployed (4).
- 18 Short sleeps (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Luffy, 2. Swift, 3. A breed of horse, 4. Sovereign, 5. Confused, 6. Cast off, 7. Cost, 8. Crisp, 9. Mouth, 10. Set of students, 11. Break off, 12. Cast out, 13. Demagogue, 14. Bull, 15. Land measure, 16. Angled, 17. Deceive, 18. Slaughtered. Down: 1. Indefinite, 2. Conundrums, 3. Tolerate, 4. Falls behind, 5. War, 6. Retained, 7. Fall from grace, 8. Stringed instrument, 9. Overcast, 10. Weapon, 11. Dross, 12. Brandish, 13. Blotches, 14. Archer, 15. Margin, 16. Commence, 17. Unemployed, 18. Short sleeps.

Help From The Skies



Vietnam troops were almost out of ammunition during an action against the Vietnamese rebels in the Hing Shu area—but the situation was relieved by the timely arrival of ammunition dropped from aircraft by a Vietnam Airborne unit.—Express Photo.

Brighter Prospects For British Spinsters: 36 p.c. More Bachelors Now

London, Feb. 7.

British girls have a better chance of marrying than girls of a generation ago, they will probably marry younger—and are more likely to be divorced.

These trends are shown by official figures published today in the Registrar-General's statistical review of England and Wales for the years 1946-1950.

The report says that no serious decline in population need be expected in the next 20 years. Marriage rates are eight per cent up on pre-war, particularly among younger women, and are higher than for 100 years. Since 1930, the marriage rate for bachelors under 20 has doubled, but girls have risen only 65 per cent.

Bachelors of the popular marriageable age exceed the number of single women by 36 per cent.

Women are now having fewer children, but more of them are marrying. The country's reproductive capacity, which fell to fall in 1916 and reached its lowest in 1945, has been rising again to pre-war level.

The last generation to reproduce was that born about 1876.

On divorce, the report said world war one brought 1,300 more petitions a year, and world war two 20,000 more. Between 1911 and 1950, the rate of divorce increased 20 times.

Before the first world war, the divorce rate was less than one half per cent of marriages. The war raised it to three quarters of one per cent, between the wars it went up to one and three-quarters per cent, and it is now seven per cent.

Other conclusions from the figures: Children couples are more often divorced than those with children.

Most divorces come in the sixth and seventh years of marriage.

Those who marry young divorce more often.

Two-thirds of those who divorce will re-marry.

Twins and triplets are becoming more common.—Reuter.

Duiles And Molotov May Confer Again On US Atomic Plan

Berlin, Feb. 7.

It was considered certain here tonight that the American Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, and the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Vyacheslav Molotov, would confer again this week on the procedure to be followed in negotiations on the Eisenhower atomic energy pact.

The two ministers have already met on this subject during the present Berlin conference.

The American official expressed the view that since the week's work had been done, it would be better to wait until the Soviet Government had decided on its position before the two ministers met again.

It's The Same Story In NZ

Wellington, N. Z. Feb. 7.

The odds are not in favour of the bachelor in New Zealand, according to latest population figures.

In the marriageable age group between 20 and 30 years there are 8,000 more males than females.

The survey indicates it will be long time before there are enough girls to go round.—China Mail Special.

Wilson Deplores "Rigidity" At Berlin Talks

Norwich, Feb. 7.

The former Labour President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Harold Wilson, said tonight the "be all and end all" of American policy in Europe was German rearmament. They were "prepared to sacrifice the interests of many countries and even of world peace to this obsession."

Neither France, Italy, nor even the Germans themselves wanted rearmament, he said. The Americans had gone to the Berlin conference to make sure that the breakdown could be blamed on the Russians.

"I believe that to the Americans this conference which was forced on them by Sir Winston Churchill, is regarded as a delaying tactic. I think this delay which could chart the way to peace for the world, may break down due to excessive rigidity on both sides."

"I believe it would be possible for the Soviet Union to accept a compromise solution about the German problem. It was not for the fact that the West insists on a 'zero' position on disarmament. This may prove fatal to the conference and to the high hopes that went with it."

"I suggest that the Germans should have a say in the decision on disarmament. The German Government should be consulted on the subject of disarmament, and the decision should be made by the German people."

Spain Wants A New Status For Its Women

The Man Who Has Beaten And Stabbed Her Twelve Times Is Coming Home Again

Madrid, Feb. 7.

The case of 42-year-old Antonia Perna Lopez whose husband stabbed her twelve times, injuring her seriously, has become the centre of a widespread controversy in Spain.

For, although the incident occurred last October, it is being cited by those who are urging the need for a reform in the status of women in Spain, as a paramount reason for changing the present law.

The case in itself was a sordid one, remarkable only for its brutality. Antonia was attacked by her husband with a butcher's slaughter knife. One of the 12 knife thrusts entered her liver and she was taken to hospital in a serious condition. The husband slashed his own throat, but recovered, was arrested on a charge of assault and put into prison.

What has attracted the attention of those who are urging a modification of the very inferior status for women in Spanish law is that this was not the first time that Antonia had been maltreated by her husband.

Last May, he was charged and fined for beating her so severely that he dislocated her breastbone.

Under Spanish law, however, the domicile belongs to the husband and if Antonia had left him, she would have been "deposited" by a magistrate in a convent or with some respectable family.

The children would probably have been left with the father because the magistrate does not usually leave them in the care of a woman who has left her husband.

So Antonia put up with her husband's behaviour and went on living with him.

DRAMATIC TURN

The stabbing case took a dramatic turn when, shortly after Antonia had returned home following two months in hospital, a magistrate freed her husband on bail to await his trial.

One of Spain's best-known women writers, Josefa Carabias, described meeting Antonia after her husband had been released from prison. Antonia was, she wrote, "in a shocking state. She said: 'What shall I do? My husband is free and he decides to come home. I cannot prevent him. He is legally entitled to do so. And so rivers of ink have flowed in the Spanish Press and yet the man of the twelve knife-thrusts continues to be the master of his domicile. The wife has no remedy except to obey in the home with him or go and live under a bridge.'

The dramatic situation was settled, for the moment, however, because the husband's bail was cancelled and he was put back into prison to await trial.

What the "reformers" want to do is to get the Civil Code amended so that a magistrate has power to decide in each case whether husband or wife should have possession of the domicile and custody of the children.

SHE CAN'T DO

Some, too, would like at the same time to remove some of the disabilities on a married woman. As the law stands today, for instance, she may not obtain employment, apply for a passport, receive money, sign a legal document, act as witness to a will, dispose of her property, or join a club without the written permission of her husband. If she is a widow who has remarried, she may not have tutelage rights over her children by the previous marriage.

The "reformers" claim that the main opposition to any change comes from the Catholic Church.

"This Señora Mercedes Forment, the Madrid lawyer who started the controversy by an article in the influential daily newspaper 'ABC', wrote: 'In fact, we see here the defence of pagan and Moslem principles under a Catholic banner. It is not right to label me as anti-Catholic because I try to save what moral values can be saved if a family breaks up. I am proud to be a Catholic.'

"I believe that to the Americans this conference which was forced on them by Sir Winston Churchill, is regarded as a delaying tactic. I think this delay which could chart the way to peace for the world, may break down due to excessive rigidity on both sides."

"I believe it would be possible for the Soviet Union to accept a compromise solution about the German problem. It was not for the fact that the West insists on a 'zero' position on disarmament. This may prove fatal to the conference and to the high hopes that went with it."

"I suggest that the Germans should have a say in the decision on disarmament. The German Government should be consulted on the subject of disarmament, and the decision should be made by the German people."

long to the Catholic Church. But we hear a great deal of talk of Christianity, and few realise that it was Jesus Christ who raised the category of womanhood. And also that the Roman law which prevails in Spain contains many excesses inspired by paganism."

Another woman writer, Señora Eugenia Serrano, denied that the situation has anything to do with the Church. "The placing of the Spanish woman in a position of legal inferiority to man is half Moorish and half Jewish in origin," she said. "Neither Christianity nor Catholicism is responsible."

"PROTECT THE WOMAN"

What may be taken as the Church attitude was expressed in an article in Spain's leading Catholic daily newspaper, 'Ya', which said: "There may be some cases for extending the juridical rights of single women or widows. Judges could be given greater freedom concerning the custody of children. But in general we feel that the principles which inspire the existing legislation should be maintained because they protect the woman and are in accordance with the better and spirit of Catholic doctrine."

Madrid "ABC" summed up the controversy like this: "The case of Antonia Perna Lopez is, unhappily, a common one. A legal congress in Spain in 1932 failed for modification of the law in this connection. Those who write to us demand this. Why is it not done, yet?"

Most commentators think that the Government will consider the matter carefully before making friction with the Church over the issue. But the fact that leading personalities and newspapers are pressing the issue is indicative of the vivid interest which Spain is showing in social problems. There is evident everywhere today a refusal to believe that the old solutions are necessarily the best.—China Mail Special.

Elections In Central Russia

London, Feb. 7.

Soviet radio stations today reported the elections of new first and second secretaries of the local Communist parties of Kazakhstan in the Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldavia, southwest of the Ukraine.

Radio Alma Ata (capital of Kazakhstan) said Mr. Ponomarev replaced Mr. Shakhmatov as first secretary of the Kazakh Central Committee. Mr. M. Brezhnev replaced Mr. Afonov as second secretary and member of the Central Committee Bureau.

Radio Kishinev (capital of Moldavia) said Mr. Dimitri Spiridonovich Gladky, formerly first secretary of the Moldavian Central Committee, had now been appointed second secretary.

The new first secretary is Mr. Zinovii Timofeevich Syrovatka. Mr. Gladky replaced Mr. Gorbunov who was relieved of his post as second secretary in connection with his departure for study.—Reuter.

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Britons Drink 13 Gallons Of Beer A Year

London, Feb. 7.

Britons drank 13 gallons of beer a head of population last year, the brewers reported today.

The figure has been raised for four years but the brewers report recalled the good old days of 50 or 60 years ago, when Britons drank nearly twice as much beer.

Consumption in 1953 was 895,000,000 gallons.—China Mail Special.

Missing Papers Found On Dexter White

Washington, Feb. 7.

The United States Department of Justice will consider now evidence in the allegations of spying made against the late Harry Dexter White. It was announced on Saturday night with the news that the FBI files on White had been rediscovered.

Testimony before a government committee published today disclosed that a "housecleaning" in the United States Department of Justice last year yielded 20,000 "missing" documents, some of which had been studied.

One of them concerned the late Harry Dexter White, who was alleged to have been appointed a Director of the International Monetary Fund while being investigated as a possible Soviet spy.

The evidence, before the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee, revealed that a 1945 report on White by the Federal Bureau of Investigation had never been seen by leaders of the Internal Security section of the Justice Department.

This disclosure has deepened the mystery around the career of the brilliant economist.

It has also spurred the Justice Department to begin a full review of allegations against a number of people named in a report mentioning Harry Dexter White, with a view to possible prosecution.

FULL REVIEW

This discovery of the FBI reports on White and Soviet espionage in America preceded by only a few weeks the speech last November by the present Attorney-General, Mr. Herbert Brownell, which began a bitter political controversy over White.

Mr. Brownell, a lawyer in Chicago, said President Truman had appointed White to his International Monetary Fund post, despite advance notice that he was being probed by the F.B.I. as a possible Soviet agent.

Mr. Truman at first denied that he had acted knowingly. Later he said he first learned of the charges after he had appointed White to the post.

White's appointment "took its normal course," so that White could not be kept under effective surveillance.

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US Labour Wants Boycott Of Communist Goods

The Executive Committee of the American Federation of Labour on Sunday night announced a total boycott of products of the Communist bloc countries.

Items particularly singled out for the boycott by the A.F.L. Committee were iron, steel, oil and coal.

The boycott was announced in a statement by the Executive Committee of the A.F.L. which said that the boycott was a response to the Soviet Government's refusal to accept a compromise solution about the German problem.



"Er... Marie, will you run upstairs and tell my wife I brought my boss home for dinner?"

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

THE Americans seem to be far ahead of us in gastronomic rollicking and tumble-cum-tripping.

Before me lies an account of a "basic seasoning" which occurs naturally in food. It is called monosodium glutamate. But it evidently does not occur quite naturally enough, as it is made in a laboratory. Also, it adds no flavor of its own, which simplifies matters. The moment you add it to a dish it begins to occur naturally.

Monosodium glutamate, unless I have forgotten the studies which won me a Pure Foods Diploma at the Wabash College Academy of Culinary Arts, is a one-way sodium carbonate impregnated with the natural glue of overripe tomatoes. Snibbo will have to pull up its preposterous socks.

Rhoda

Rhoda is her simple name. It is a Swedish functional Palladium, not the sherry (Pink Old Blend) which brings Captain Foulmouth every day to a certain large, putrid house in the West End. The most alluring smile of this beautiful bairn is for him. Then one-and-seventy carrying which dangle from her little ears were the Captain's gift. She is not intellectual, but, as Foulmouth once said, "she had a sense of stocking." "I didn't come here to talk about illy and ketka."

Fullmouth, was Rhoda with subtlety. He does not talk with blarney about his wealth and influence, yet he somehow gives her the impression that the yacht is on him, as it were, and that it is a new experience for him to mix with ordinary men and women in her bar, instead of waiting till dawn will exiled royalty on a moonlit terrace between Cannes and Antibes.

Tom Dunn's reply

A WOMAN in an inn, who was standing near her and putting at an old pipe, made me think of the story of Tom Dunn of Clonmel, in County Tipperary. He was one day smoking a long black cigar, and a woman said: "If I were your wife I'd put poison in your food." "If I were your husband I'd take it," said Tom Dunn.

Oh

SOMEBODY is advertising for sale "a brand new encyclopedia." Perhaps the buyer thought it was a novel. The husband of the editor told me just for the pleasure of disagreeing with someone, even though you may not actually believe in it, that it is understood that you are merely debating for the fun of it. But if you change your mind, the next minute without explanation you could be accused of being entirely too changeable. You find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. "An approach to your daily guide."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

BORN today, you have the alert mentality, the methodical approach and the good memory which makes for success in the professions, particularly in the sciences. You also have the gift of the written word and will be able to write factually, yet entertainingly. You have a keen interest in novelty and are always willing to try anything once. Be careful, however, of your temperamental spirit doesn't lead you into too much deep water—er, at least, that you are not too deep.

Your sense of humor is a quiet one, but it often inspires a very sarcastic remark. Be careful that you do not hurt the feelings of others less sensitive than yourself. Remember that being too critical is one of the best ways to lose friends!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Keep yourself well informed on current events. Read the newspapers and magazines carefully.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If investing in a luxury, just be sure it is something you need. Your happiness at some necessity! Some things can be.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Aspirations are good for home affairs and all matters involving real estate. Planning a new home?

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Be generous in offering help to those who may need it, even if they do not ask. Be the first to offer.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Don't force your opinions against opposition. Just give your time. It will come soon enough.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—You can succeed today if you take the initiative in important matters. Don't wait for something to happen.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Be patient even if things seem to be going slowly. They will speed up in plenty of time.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Hold fast to your work schedule and you may be surprised at the progress you can make just now.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Haste can make waste today as take your time about things and check all the details very carefully.

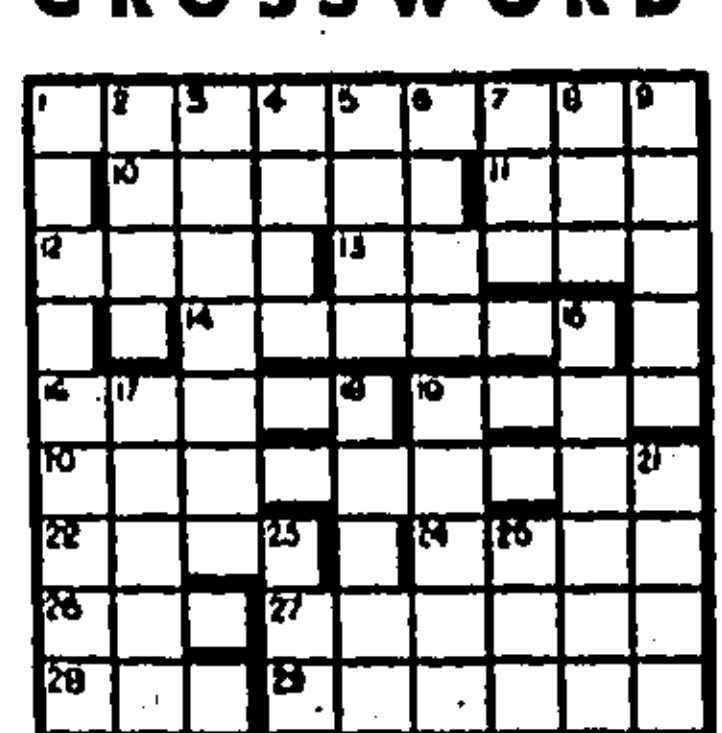
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Never borrow trouble. Meet each problem as it comes along, day by day and things will be easier.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—If opportunities come to you today,

make the most of them for they may not come your way again.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—Investigate any new schemes that are offered. Somebody might be trying to fool you.

CROSSWORD



1. Broll a suit (anag.). (10)
2. The bin is split—so I (10)
3. It has a female relative. (3)
4. Little one is Dickens heroine. (6)
5. Art at scent-making. (8)
6. A place where you can find a horse. (4)
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DUMB-BELLS



WHAT'S HIS LINE?
DRE... WICKHAM

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Smother Play Is Rare Bridge Move

By OSWALD JACOBY

IN today's hand, played in a rubber bridge game in Toronto, "Smother" Sheardown of Canada had to execute one of the rarest plays in bridge to make his game contract. It looks like an optical illusion at first, but the "smother" play really works.

East won the first two heart tricks and continued the suit, forcing Sheardown to make his first decision. He decided against discarding a club, since East might have only two clubs headed by the king, in which case declarer could afford to lose a trump trick. After some thought, Sheardown ruffed the third heart with the king of spades, and West discarded a low club.

Declarer next led the jack of spades and let it ride for the finesse. Business looked good when the finesse succeeded, and Sheardown led the ten of spades.

NORTH			
♠ A 6 5			
♥ 7 4 3			
♦ K 5 4			
♣ J 6 3 2			
WEST			
♠ Q 7 3 2			
♥ 8 2			
♦ J 10 9 8			
♣ 10 9 4			
EAST (D)			
♠ A K Q J 10 8			
♥ 8 3 2			
♦ K 8 7			
SOUTH			
♠ K J 10 9 8			
♥ 9 5			
♦ A Q 7			
♣ A 2 5			
East-West vul.			
1 ♠	Double	West	2 ♠
2 ♥	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥ 6			

to repeat the finesse. East's heart discard was very discouraging.

Apparently South was sure to lose a trump trick, and the contract was going to depend on avoiding the loss of a club trick. So Sheardown led a diamond to the king, finessed the queen of clubs, and laid down the ace of clubs.

The king of clubs didn't drop, and now it seemed that declarer was sure to lose a club and a trump as well as the two hearts lost at the very beginning of the hand. With nothing to do, Sheardown made one of those losing tricks disappear.

He simply cashed his top diamonds and led his last club. West discarded his last diamond, saving only two trumps. Dummy was left with the ace of trumps and the thirteenth club. East, after winning the king of clubs, had only two hearts. And South had the nine and the eight of spades.

East led one of his hearts, and South played the eight of spades. If West played the queen of spades, dummy would over-ruff with the ace, and South would then take the spade nine. If West played his low trump, South's eight would win and dummy's ace would take the last trick.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
2 Diamonds Pass ?
You, South, hold: Spades A-K-J-10-9-7-3, Hearts 8-3, Diamonds 5-4, Clubs A-4. What do you do?

A—Bid four spades. You want to be in a spade game, no matter how weak your partner's opening bid may be and no matter how few spades he holds. If North has a good hand, he will try for a slam or perhaps just bid a slam without further ado.

TODAY'S QUESTION

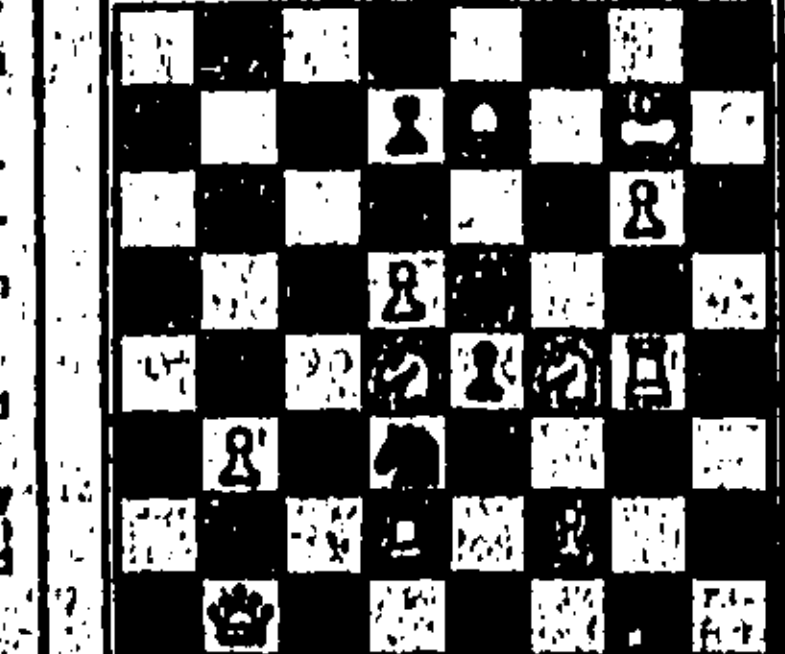
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-J-7-3, Hearts Q-3, Diamonds 7-5-4, Clubs K-J-9-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By E. A. PETERSEN

Black, 4 pieces.



White, 11 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Refutation to Saturday's problem:
1. K-R7—threats 2. R-R8 (ch).
2. K-B6—(ch).
3. K-B5—(ch).
4. R-Q4—(ch).
5. Q-K5—(ch).
6. Q-K4—(ch).
7. Q-K3—(ch).
8. Q-K2—(ch).
9. Q-K1—(ch).
10. Q-K1—(ch).
11. Q-K1—(ch).

FATH'S FANCY



A lampshade hat with peepholes cut to resemble sunglasses tops this beach outfit shown in Paris recently by Jacques Fath.

The beach bag is of the same red polka dotted white material as the hat.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

To add extra flavour to hot cocoa or chocolate, roll a marshmallow in powdered cinnamon before dropping it in the cup.

To remove paint stains, use gasoline or turpentine; denatured alcohol will remove lacquer, shellac or varnish stains.

To take some of the drudgery out of window washing, remove the surface soil from the pane with cleaning tissue or soft cloth. Apply cleaning fluid,

rub dry with a lintless cloth or soft paper.

Spots often will come off felt hats if the soiled portion is rubbed lightly with sandpaper.

When washing flannels, add a teaspoon of powdered borax to each quart of rinse water to keep the material soft.

For safety's sake, wash knives and other sharp kitchen tools apart from other dishes.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Can You Turn into an Animal?

—Knarl and Hanid Can, with Mr. Merlin's Help—

By MAX TRELL

"If you could be any animal in the world," Hanid, the shadow-girl with the turned-back hair, was saying to her brother, Knarl, "what animal would you be?"

Knarl thought for a second or two before he answered. "If I could be any animal in the world, I think I'd like to be an elephant. What animal would you like to be?"

"I'd like to be a deer," said Hanid.

It was at this moment that Mr. Merlin the Magician came along. He was carrying a book under his arm.

From the Library

"Hello, my dears," he said, "I've just come from the library. I found a very interesting book. It's entitled 'Magical Rules for Becoming Any Animal in the World.'"

Knarl and Hanid shouted with joy. Then Hanid explained to Mr. Merlin how she and Knarl had just decided that if they could be any animal in the world, Knarl would like to be an elephant while she would like to be a deer.

"Fine, fine!" said Mr. Merlin. "This is just the book for arranging all that. Let's try it and see what happens."

With that, Mr. Merlin sat down on the garden wall and opened the book to the paragraph marked "How to Become an Elephant."

A Simple Matter

"Very simple," he said, after he read the paragraph through. "All you have to do is stand on your hands and feet with your nose touching the ground. Then you turn around three times and say: 'Jumbo—jumbo—jumbo—jumbo.'"

"I'll try it," said Knarl. "So Knarl stood on his hands and feet with his nose touching

WOMANSENSE

Top Designers Set Styles In Spring Collections

By DOROTHY BARKLEY

London.

AS the 1954 collections of London's top twelve designers get into swing, it becomes clear that last year's "moulded look"—rounded shoulder, fitting diaphragm and nipped-in waist—is being carried over. Stiebel gives it the new name of the "Long Legged Look," since there is an unbroken line from under the bust to the skirt hem.

This leaves fabrics, colour and details for the designers to experiment with. And experimenting they are.

THE SURPRISE

For 1954 will be a year for the short evening dress. The long evening dress is OUT. Victor Stiebel, Hardy Amies and Matill all concentrate on the short dress, although Amies and Matill do include several of the long variety, rather by way of a swansong.

These short dresses have been the surprise of the collections so far. Surprise is that any designer should rule definitely on the length of the evening dress, because for years their attitude has been "Take your choice." And surprise that it should come first from Stiebel who normally shows a magnificent selection of full length crinolines.

It will be a year for colour, too. Stiebel, for instance, uses the brightest silk prints imaginable, green mixed with rhubarb pink, and aqua green with orange. Dark dresses are trimmed with enormous night-mare flowers, almost gaudy in colour: scarlet poppies or Mediterranean blue cornflowers.

A YEAR FOR FOX

It will be a year for conventionally patterned silk prints. Floral designs replace the abstract prints of recent years. More colourful perhaps than the abstract designs have been, certainly very pretty, they are yet not so interesting, nor so chic. But the matching coat and dress outfits in printed silk, seen at Stiebel's are certain of success. The dresses have finely pleated skirts and the loose coats are lined to match the predominant colour in the print.

It will also be a year for fox. It has been brought back in a big way. Shades of white,

silver, blue, aquamarine are seen everywhere. (Designers have just discovered, they say, that fox was in and always will be the most flattering fur to wear near the face).

And it will be a year for exotic new "mixed" materials. For day, there is wool combined with nylon; silk with mohair. For evening, there are "cobweb" fabrics: black lace mounted on black wool; blue and white printed organza on blue taffeta.

It will be a good year for the coat manufacturers. Stiebel's new jacket line features a tightly corseted midriff, bringing the wasp waist back again.

Matill's short evening dresses are all worn over crinolined hocks.

And there's plenty of new detail about, too. Matill shows blazer jackets with slim tweed dresses. The blazers are hip length, double breasted and made in bright colours, soft fabrics: royal blue hopsack, for instance, and scarlet tweed.

To wear with suits, not blouses or gilets, but waistcoat-blouses with tiny cap sleeves. They are made in a new black velvet with printed with scarlet "dalmatian" spots.

THREE SQUARE MEALS A DAY

By Ida Bailey Allen

"JUDGING from the balance of food elements after the night's fast. Lunch can be 'light,' but it must be balanced with the right food elements to make replenishment possible. Dinner should not be too rich, but if the meal is eaten slowly and not too late in the evening, it can be really substantial."

"The second question, Madame: 'What about having late evening snacks?'"

"They should be replaced with fresh fruit. Otherwise there's usually little appetite for breakfast next morning."

Dinner

Citrus Fruit Cup

Baked Ham Older-Raisin Sauce

Mashed Sweet Potatoes

Cauliflower

Sliced Tomato Salad

Coffee-Chocolate Cream Roll

Coffee Tea Milk

All Measurements Are Level

Recipe Serves 4 to 6

Cider-Raisin Sauce

In a small saucepan, mix 1/2 c. sugar, 1 tsp. cornstarch and 1/4 tsp. salt; stir in 1 c. cider and 1 tsp. vinegar. Add 1/4 c. seedless raisins. Tie a 1-in. piece stick of cinnamon and 5 whole cloves in a bit of cheesecloth and add. Stir the mixture until boiling. Simmer 8 min. Remove the spices. Serve hot.

Mashed Sweet Potatoes

Boil, steam or pressure-cook 2 lbs. sweet potatoes, skins on. Cool, slice and peel, and mash smooth. Add 1/4 c. orange juice, 1 tsp. grated orange rind and 3 tsp. butter or margarine. Beat until fluffy.

Coffee-Chocolate Cream Roll

To 1/2 pt. heavy cream, add 1/4 c. instant sweet cocoa, mix. 1 tsp. instant coffee and 1/2 tsp. salt; beat until the cream is stiff. Spread on 24 crisp thin chocolate wafers and put together in stacks of six. Arrange the stacks on a platter, edge side down to make a long roll. Spread the remaining cream over this roll. Chill at least 3 hrs. To serve, cut diagonally in slices 1 in. thick.

Famous people, woman's hobby

Cleveland.

Famous people are the hobby of Mrs. H. L. Smith of suburban Brookville.

She makes dolls, although she doesn't like to call them that. They are miniature reproductions of famous persons, clothed in authentic models of their garments.

Mrs. Smith is interested especially in the nation's first ladies.

"If I can find a good full-length picture of a First Lady I copy her gown," she said. "Otherwise I dress her in a costume of the presidential period that looks appropriate."

Rapidly changing styles and long tenures of office cause some difficulty in selecting the proper clothing for the women. "Ben Truman was very simple," Mrs. Smith said. "In the time of the White House the nation came out of World War II and into a flurry of changing skirts and blouses. Mrs. Smith finally dressed her Ben Truman doll in a 1948 style."

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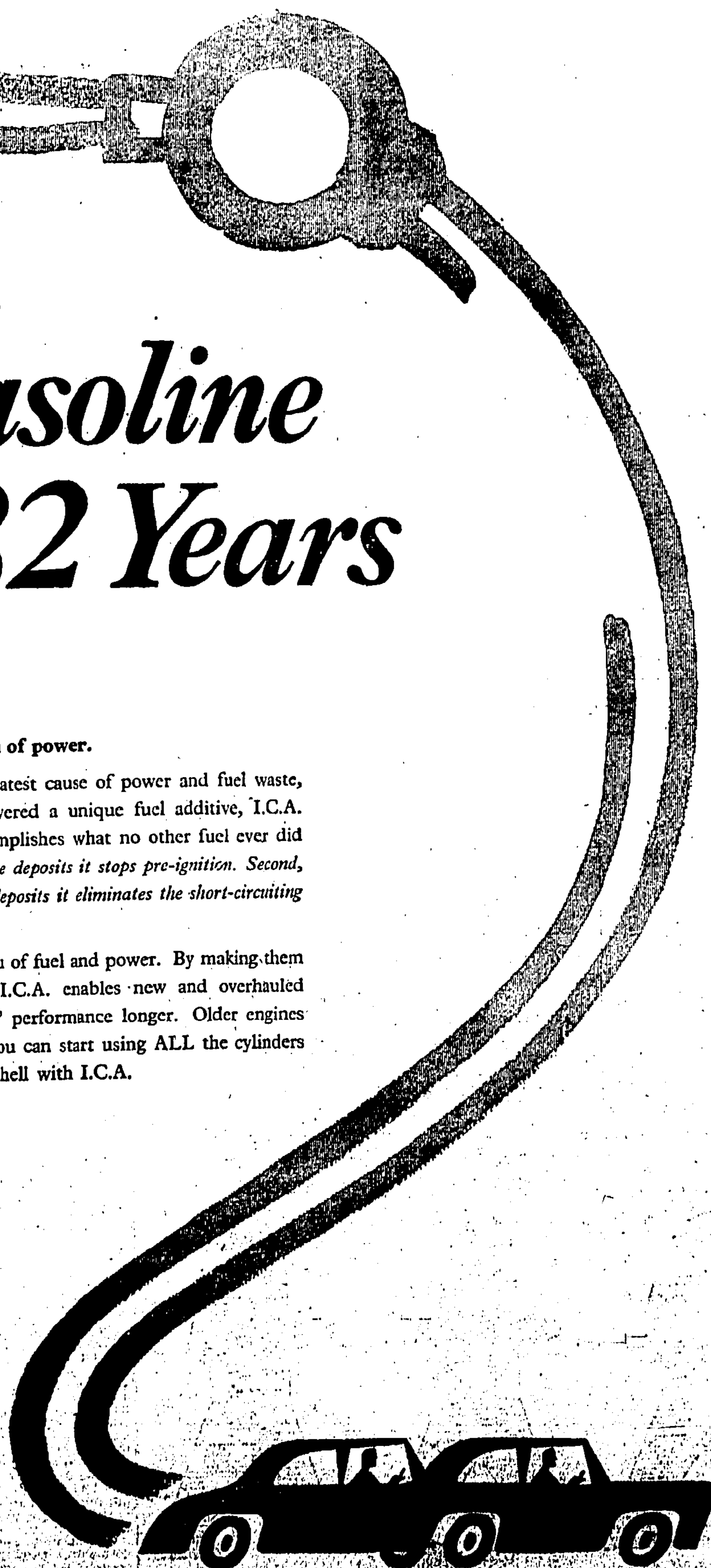
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WEEK-END SOFTBALL

CAA SCORE AN UPSET 3-2 VICTORY OVER THE ORCA ON A BUNT HIT IN THE 7TH

By "SNOOPER"

Frank Poon's Chinese Athletic Association scored a stunning 3-2 upset victory over Bill Williams' slugging USS Orca ballplayers yesterday. The 800-odd spectators who attended the feature Senior "A" softball tussle showed a fine appreciation of one of the most thrilling games of the season. They had every reason to be pleased with the Orca's farewell League display for the sailors certainly played a grand game but their biggest round of applause was not for them. At the end of the game the last man off the field was CAA's second baseman Paul Tiu, and to his obvious embarrassment he got as great a reception as if he had hit a grand slam homer. And well, Tiu deserved it.

For all slow-pitcher P.C. Wong's brilliance on the mound, nevertheless, my man of the CAA-Orca tilt was Paul Tiu, the batter who was earlier named out by pitcher Ray Williams in the second inning. Tiu was given the unenviable task of scoring leftfielder K.K. Sit who was on a record. The score was 2-0-2.

Against the formidable deliveries of Williams, probably everyone in the stands thought that he had hardly a chance to get a hit. He baffled everyone, including Orca's brilliant third baseman Bill Williams, when he bunt-hit. It was a clever move and it won the game for the Chinese Athletic Association. Sit came home for the winning run.

The Orca ballplayers who were only beaten by Jackie Wei's Pandas in their debut at King's Park last year, figured they could walk away with yesterday's game to maintain their winning streak. Then it happened, as so often before, when the underdogs turned giant-killers.

The manager and coach of the CAA had signalled full steam ahead for his heavy hitters to hit moundsman Ray Williams and before the initial inning was over the official scoreboard read: CAA, 2; Orca, 0. And no fewer than three solid hits were recorded in the scorebook.

A brilliantly timed hit by K.T. "Rebbi" Leung, creating a hit, was followed by another excellent hit by Eddie Ma. The crowd went wild when Lam Leung-ping clubbed another one to first to load the bases. First baseman C.M. Tseng, one of the most successful batters of this season, scored Leung for the initial CAA run. Ma, who played the plate for the second run, on Lee Poon-hong hit to left field, but pitcher "Will" another threat by fanning out K.K. Sit before more damage was done.

TIGHT FIELDING

Feature of the next four innings was the tight fielding of both teams when no runs were scored. Then in the sixth, the Orca matched their opposition with speed and enthusiasm. The onlookers, who seemed to be expecting something remarkable from the sailors, had their share of thrills in this frame.

Right fielder Jim Linville produced something special for this occasion. He started the ball rolling by hitting one to right field and was advanced to second on Donald Chambers' bunt. Linville stole third after Bill Steel had been tagged out at first. Then Pitcher Ray Williams set about the job of winning the game with workmanlike fashion to score Linville. Williams' hit to centrefield was fumbled by a showy Lee Poon-hong. The gobs dominated play at this juncture of the contest and Leroy Zimmerman scored Steel who deputised for Williams on second for the Orca's tying run.

With Zimmerman on third and Kvidera on second, the Orca's next batter, Roy Kingsbury, had to produce a decisive brand of hitting to score them but he was just unlucky to be caught out. Three hits were registered by the Orca, but that was the beginning of the end of their successful run of games. The CAA maintained their top form to win by 3-2.

REASONS FOR DEFEAT

CAA's sensational victory baffled me. When I went through the names of the Orca line-up before the game got underway I knew they could wallop the Chinese ballplayers but they were not even remotely like a top batting team yesterday.

Oddly enough, it was the CAA who out-hit them by 7-4. The Orca hits were registered by Ray Williams, two hits, and Jim Linville, and Leroy Zimmerman a hit apiece. Highly reputed Bill Williams, Bill Steel, Ralph Kvidera and Roy Kingsbury were disappointing.

In preference to singles, the Orca heavy sluggers showed insistence on hitting the ball to the outfield and except for short spells, these hits were ineffective. After three fruitless innings the Orca earned their first hit through Williams who, incidentally, made the blunder by trying to hit third base. Williams plays on

second. Zimmerman's sacrifice fly to centre would have scored him for the Orca's first run.

That the Orca overdid the outfield and over-the-fence hitting stunt was never in doubt. The Chinese Athletic Association, on the other hand, produced the decisive brand of hitting. They were content with singles and with complete mastery in stealing bases. This vice could not be said of the Orca ballplayers who seldom made any effort to steal bases and it struck me that throughout the seven-inning game only four times did the sailors touch third.

In my opinion, despite CAA number one pitcher Tony Kwok's efforts on the mound, which should have produced results but produced little, there was no argument when he was yanked and transferred to right field in the third inning.

Slow-moving pitcher P.C. Wong, who was introduced into the game at this stage, played one of his finest games of the season and the CAA filled the greatest want—a slow pitcher who could baffle the slugging Orca batters.

Wong played his heart out and the Orca's Bill Williams, Bill Steel, Ralph Kvidera and Roy Kingsbury strove hard to hit him. The few times that they did succeed, those CAA outfielders were there. This gave the CAA players new heart. They played championship ball and they truly deserved to win. The Orca, making their farewell League appearance, must be given credit for another good show and they have merited praise for the many excellent performances they have provided the many softball fans at King's Park. Followers of the sport will await their return.

The teams:—
CAA: Pitcher—Ray Williams; Catcher—Ralph Kvidera; 1st base—Bill Steel; 2nd base—Willie C.M. Tseng; 3rd base—Paul Tiu; 4th base—Seldon Ma; Shortstop—Rebbi Leung; Left fielder—K.K. Sit; Centre fielder—Lee Poon-hong; Right fielder—Wong (Kwok in third).

SAINTS ARE CLEAR

Indoo Hussain's Saints hurdled over another stiff obstacle yesterday by beating the Warriors 4-0, the feature of the game being the sparkling exhibition of pitching and fielding by Vic Pedruco.

The other Saints' fielder who excelled was third baseman Benny Omar who had the best hit of the morning session game.

The shut-out 4-0 victory yesterday brought the Saints on level terms with the Chinese Athletic Association in the Senior "A" pennant race. Third-placed Pandas were idle yesterday but Ed Carvalho's champion Braves made a gain by beating the Rexes 12-9 in a five-inning tussle.

Vic Pedruco played up to his reputation as one of the best hurlers in the Colony. His beautifully controlled deliveries caused much concern to the Warriors' leading batters, including shortstop Johnny Pereira and catcher Cuscuta Souza who failed to get a hit.

Successful Warriors' batters were Alfredo Oliveira and Gerry Remedios with a hit apiece. The Saints collected four hits through Benny Omar, Art Ochoa, Vic Pedruco and Marie Xavier.

The Warriors who had everything in the first two innings—perfect judgment and combination—suddenly cracked up at the start of the third. I have always regarded the Warriors as an unpredictable team of ballplayers and when they started to falter in the infield this was no surprise. The Saints put them in their pockets after their two-run lead in the fourth and before the game was over, two more runs were added in the sixth and seventh.

Joey Franco replaced Google Marques on mound work in the fourth but after fanning out the famed Dave "Bambino" Leonard in the fifth, Franco yielded three hits in the sixth and seventh. That suggested that Google Marques had been benched too soon and the manager had erred

in his judgment. Marques allowed the Saints to hit him only once in the fourth and had held them hitless for the first three frames.

NUMEROUS ERRORS

There was too much hurrying and worrying in Ed Carvalho's camp when the champion Braves met the cellar-berth Rexes in the third Senior "A" tilt. The Rexes almost scored a major league going down narrowly by 12-9 in a five-inning game.

The Braves with one eye on retaining their pennant, seemed to go through yesterday's game half-heartedly. Their regular pitchers, Jack Brown and Kelly Silva-Neto, were conspicuous absentees and Anthony Gutierrez, making his debut for the Braves, failed to give an impressive display.

He was moved to outfield and right-fielder Bull Dhabher was assigned to do mound work. No fewer than eight runs had been registered by the Rexes in the first and second frames. Luckily for the Braves, the Rexes' infield play, particularly by their baseman S. Semy, was hopeless in the later stages of the game. Several runs were scored by the Braves in the third inning.

Outstanding Braves' batter was Dhabher who sent two over the fence yesterday to top the list of Senior "A" batters in the latest Batting Championship standings. Prominent Braves' players absent yesterday were Spikky Gutierrez, Junior Remedios, Calau Yvanovich, Jack Brown and Kelly Silva-Neto.

WILDFIRES IN FORM

The wildfires were in peak form yesterday, to trounce the University 17-3 in the only Senior "B" game of the week-end. Winning moundsman R. Silva pitched on a no-hit performance.

Vic Pedruco's Wahoos "B" received a walkover from the Chinese Athletic Association to take fourth place in the latest Ladies' League Standings and are strongly favoured to clinch the Junior Ladies' Playoff Series some time this month. The Maumau beat the Cubs by 11-7, the highlight of the game being the six-run spurge of the Cubs in the seventh, but despite their magnificent rally, the Maumau were a much better team of ballplayers.

Ed Diering's P.I. Dodgers scored a 25-3 runaway win over the Chinese Athletic Association second stringers in the other game. The Dodgers had two magnificent innings, scoring seven runs in the sixth and eight runs in the ninth.

Lawn Bowlers' Cricket "League"

The first game in a triangular series of cricket matches between lawn bowlers of the Kowloon Cricket Club, Kowloon Dock Recreation Club and the Kowloon Bowling Green Club was played yesterday when the KCC and Kowloon Docks drew in a high scoring encounter.

Kowloon Cricket Club declared at 188 for 7 and the Docks replied with 143 for 9. The home team had their chances of winning but four dropped catches after the ninth wicket had fallen deprived them of the honours.

S. A. Gray led the KCC batting spree with a hard-hitting 66, which included two sixes and seven boundaries. Other noteworthy contributions to the KCC total came from W. Hong, Sling (24 runs), J. R. Wong (19), C. W. Lee (not out 10) and G. Lee (15).

Bob Lapley, opening for the Docks, thrashed the home bowlers to rattle up 44 in quick time. His knock included seven boundaries.

Vic White also played an attractive not out innings of 51, his chief scoring, 150s being 40s and 50s. Most successful bowler of the day was D. C. W. Law, who captured five Docks' wickets for 23 runs.



LEAGUE CRICKET

George Souza Reaches Record Aggregate

By "THE ZOMBIE"

Highlight of the week-end Cricket League matches was the triple individual record established by the Craighengower all-rounder, George Souza, when he carried his bat through the CCC innings with an unbeaten 102 against the Indian Recreation Club.

Souza thus chalked up his third century of the season. With this century the Craighengower cricketer also passed the record aggregate score of 722 runs in local League cricket made by KCC's Pat Dodge last year. He now has an aggregate of 737 runs and an average of 61.4 with two matches still to go.

If his score of 133 runs in the non-League match between the HKCC and the Rest of the Colony last week is taken into account Souza will need only 130 runs to reach his 1,000 mark in one season.

Souza was rather fortunate in obtaining his third century this season as he was missed on two occasions before he reached the 20 mark—once by the wicket-keeper and once by first slip.

After passing that mark, however, he treated the good crowd of spectators to another exhibition of bright and stylish batting, scoring all round the wicket to reach his century in just about two hours.

Army managed to maintain their nine-point lead over Optimists with a narrow one-wicket win over RAF. The Air-men put up a valiant display. Their batting reached a total of 130 runs, but that was just not enough. It was not Dowling or Alexander who proved their undoing this time, but Weir who claimed six of the airmen's wickets for 33 runs.

Navy, too, put up a creditable display against the Scorpions. They had almost lost before they had been in a little better form with the bat, they might have succeeded in passing the 100 total run up by the Scorpions.

Agar was unfortunate to hit his own wicket before he was able to settle down or open his

NO RUSSIAN INFLUENCE AT HASTINGS

Hastings, Feb. 6

The Hastings Chess Club has told the Spanish Chess Federation, it profoundly regrets any cause for misunderstanding over the exclusion of the Spanish chess master, Roman Bordell, from the premier section of the recent congress at Hastings.

But, it says the Spanish player was excluded only because his reply to the terms offered in the section had been postponed. The Hastings Chess Club has told the Spanish Chess Federation, it profoundly regrets any cause for misunderstanding over the exclusion of the Spanish chess master, Roman Bordell, from the premier section of the recent congress at Hastings.

Best Rugger On Saturday Was At Boundary Street POLICE SHOW DISTASTE FOR THE WOODEN SPOON

By "PAK LO"

Saturday afternoon with its large selection of games provided some good rugger and one surprise. The best rugger played was that at Boundary Street, when the Welch Regiment narrowly defeated the 72nd LAA by 6 points (1 try, 1 dropped goal) to 3 (1 penalty goal) in the Army Inter-Unit Final.

The surprise came at Kai Tak where the Police won their first game in the Pentangular Tournament when they beat the RAF by 8 points (1 goal, 1 penalty goal) to 6 (2 tries).

Previous to this game the Navy had, as expected, overcome the Club by 10 points (2 goals, 2 tries) to 6 (1 penalty goal, 1 try), while at Boundary Street the Gunners lost to the Rest by 5 points (1 goal) to 3 (1 try).

Without doubt the most exciting game was the Inter-Unit Final at the Police Recreation Ground. The 72nd LAA kicked off, but the Welch were given a scrum back and then attacked to 72nd 25-yard line where a penalty for "feet up" in the scrum gave the 72nd a chance to clear upfield. A minute later the Welch were awarded a kick about ten yards inside their own half, and Hoskins, apparently spurred on by the exhortations of the crowd, attempted to score and his terrific effort was only a few feet short.

A fierce midfield struggle developed and there was no scoring until the 16th minute when from a scrum about 15 yards out, in the 72nd half, the ball was kicked quickly to Harris who tore off on the blind side, and passed to Lewis, who scored in this corner. Hoskins missed the long kick, 3-0.

The Welch nearly scored when Sleight, ran well, kicked ahead, and Thomas, who was following up well took the kick, and was just forced into touch in the corner. The Welch were unlucky not to score at this point as there was a forward battle for some time right on the 72nd's line until Harris took the ball, raced round the scrum and dived over, but the try was disallowed by the referee for an infringement which the spectators did not see.

DESERVED THE LEAD

The play went back to the half way line for the remaining minutes of the first half. The Welch deserved their slender lead as they won the scrums by four to one, although the position was reversed in the lineouts where the 72nd won two to one.

The Welch halves were superior to their opposite numbers and knew they had the weaker three, kicked for touch instead of passing out. And it was this fact which won the game for the Welch, combined with some good following up by the Welch pack. The 72nd three did not get enough chances to show their paces, which was a pity, as when they did get going they were first class.

The Welch attacked immediately in the second half and were awarded a penalty on the 72nd 25, but Hoskins, who had two attempts at it, sliced both badly. Play moved to midfield where Patterson attempted a penalty kick from the half way line but the ball dropped just under the bar.

In the 12th minute Patterson got another chance, this time on the Welch 25 for an offside infringement, and he made no mistake to level the scores at three-all.

Play surged back and forth between the two 25-yard lines until in the 20th minute the Welch got a penalty on the 72nd 25, followed by another on the same spot two minutes later, but Hoskins missed both. This was just not Hoskins' day for kicking.

Near the end of the game the Welch attack on the blind side

was led by Lewis, who kicked ahead and Collins caught the kick but went into touch while doing so. The Welch three were sent away from the lineout and Harris had possession when he was threatening to set a penalty, tried a drop at goal and succeeded, thus giving the Welch Regt. the lead by three points, which they hung on to despite desperate attacks by the 72nd until the end of the game. The Cup was presented to Ex-Officio Welch captain, by the G.O.C., Major General R. C. Crusden.

This means that the Welch will play the winners of Malayan and Singapore Inter Unit final when they come here on March 8. The game is scheduled for Boundary Street provisionally. The Malayan team will also play against the Colony on the 10th on the Club ground, and against a Combined Services team on the 12th.

CURTAIN RAISER

The curtain raiser at Boundary Street was quite an interesting match and the Gunners, who won every scrum, thanks to the services of Eve the Army hooker should not have lost as they did.

The Gunners scored from a lineout in the 10th minute when the stand off kicked across and the right wing three crossed the line in the corner. The kick was missed.

The second half opened at a fast pace, with the Gunners three starting many good moves, but the Rest were marking them too well and some good tackling held play in the middle.

Then the Gunners had a marvellous chance to score when they worked their way to the Rest's line, and won the scrum, but instead of passing the ball out to the unmarked three, the two halves tried to take the ball through and were well and truly tackled and the Rest cleared the ball upfield. Some extremely dull play followed until the Rest got their three away in a move which took them to the Gunners' 25, and winning the lineout the ball went to Argyle who ran, then passed to Paine, and the latter flung himself across the line under the posts. Dangerfield easily converted the kick to give the Rest the lead by 5 points to 3. This was the end of the scoring.

The Gunners' moves were very slow off the mark and gave the Rest a chance to spoil their moves. This was their own fault as they got a good service from Eve, and had plenty of chances to score, but lacked the necessary vim to take them over the line.

SURPRISE OF THE DAY

At Kai Tak the surprise of the day came when the Police opened their score in the Pentangular. The RAF can only blame themselves as they made hardly any use of their three in the second half and the Police pack was without doubt by far the better.

The first half was very scrappy with neither side settling down into even the semblance of a team, and in the first half the only likely-looking score came when the Police were awarded a penalty well out and McDonnell took the long kick, but missed.

Half time was reached without any scoring and disorganised chaos was the only description of the play.

The second half opened with the Police looking more like a team and attacking, and after four minutes play they were awarded a penalty, and McDonnell took the kick and scored.

This three point lead really woke up the Police and almost immediately they scored again when from a scrum the ball went to Milden of the RAF, but McDonnell broke away and grabbed the ball from Milden and dribbled down towards the RAF line.

He overtook the ball, but Shelley coming close, behind carried on with the dribble until he was threatened by Davidson when he kicked a field goal. McDonnell, Shelley, and Davidson raced for it, as it crossed the line, Shelley got there first with a good dive and McDonnell converted it to make the score 6-0. A few minutes later McDonnell missed a penalty, but he became aware of the predicament and attacked. The Police's 25-yard line where the ball was placed upfield, Davidson rushed in, but did not go into touch and Patterson came and running with the ball, Davidson missed the kick.

The R.A.F. kept up the pressure and from a scrum there was a fine three move which ended with Balderston going over in the corner with two Policemen hanging on to him. In proper form, either of these two would have stopped him well before the line, but the Police will not tackle low. Davidson missed the long kick, 6-3.

The Police deserved to win and this certainly opens up their chances of finishing in the middle of the Pentangular table. McDonnell was definitely the man of the match, but he was well backed up by the rest of the forwards.

CLUB V. NAVY

The Club v. Navy game provided some good rugger, and in no time at all the Club opened the scoring with a very nice penalty by Craig. The Navy attacked after this and, winning the scrum, the ball went to Davies who covered quite a bit of ground and passed to Moore just as he was well tackled. Moore took the ball easily past two defenders and scored. Then finished his try by converting it, 5-3.

The Navy kept pressing and in the 20th minute again scored when Robertson crossed the line after a grand foot rush by the Navy forwards. Moore missed the kick, 8-3.

The second half opened with the Club ranging deep into the Navy half, and Pettie, who was following up well, intercepted a pass—ran 25 yards—dribbled over near the post. Copley missed the easy kick, 8-6.

The Navy now in their turn attacked and at one point were only just stopped on the line by Roberts who dribbled the ball back to the half way line and safety. Then Moore got the ball from the scrum, cut very neatly through the centre and scored, but missed the kick, 11-6. In the closing minutes of play the Navy attacked, and sent their three away from a lineout, and the ball went to Harris who scored without trouble. Smith's kick hit the post and bounced over to make the final score 16-6.

The Navy won because they had the better service from the scrums and the Club's tackling at times was not very impressive. The Club pack is not all fit and how some of them retain their places is a mystery. The Club three were good and had they seen a little more of the ball might have made things hot for the Navy.

This leaves the Navy still at the top of the Pentangular as the table below shows:

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Navy	0	6	0	115	17	10
Army	5	4	1	52	11	6
Club	5	2	3	41	66	4
RAF	6	1	5	31	61	2
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Gordon Pirie easily won the 3,200 metres event in 13 minutes 51.2 seconds, beating triple world record holder Gaston Reiff of Belgium, who was second in 14 minutes 13 seconds. Reiff practically gave up the unequal struggle against the younger Britisher at the 1,000 metre mark.

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"PATROCLOS"	7th Feb.	13th Feb.	14th Feb.
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Hongkong, 8th February, 1964.

Battle In Congress Expected Over US Tax Proposal

New York, Feb. 7.

Major interest this week was focussed on the current debate over the approaching overhaul of the U.S. taxation laws as the House Ways and Means Committee continued its hearings and made sundry downward revisions and adjustments.

But a major Congressional battle appeared in the offing on the Administration's proposals to grant more liberal depreciation tax allowances for corporations. President Eisenhower has recommended such tax allowances as part of his programme to provide a "business climate" to spur plant expansion and rehabilitation.

This week, Congressional Democrats appeared to be in complete disagreement as to whether the emphasis in any tax reduction programme should be to favour consumption or production. Democrats have charged that the best way to keep sales high and to promote prosperity is to promote the spending power of consumers by more liberal tax exemptions for the individuals. They have attacked the Republican tax programme as benefiting corporations more than individuals.

But Administration leaders insisted that the Eisenhower tax programme was meant to stimulate both production and consumption. The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. George M. Humphrey, defended the Administration's tax programme as being calculated to nurture another year of prosperity just below the 1953 levels. He later insisted

ON PRODUCTION

From both the short- and long-term view, Mr. Martin said, he preferred to put the emphasis on production rather than on the stimulation of consumption.

Meanwhile there were some encouraging developments from other sources. Despite a report by the Federal Reserve Board that the December industrial production index declined two points to 127 from November and that a slight further decline was anticipated for January, retail sales, the Board added, remained very high in December. It held near the levels of November, 1953 and December 1952.

President Eisenhower in his economic report last week had noted that production outpaces sales, though the latter had been steady. The drop in production, he said, was due principally to a pause as business tried to work off their accumulated inventories. Should sales continue at good levels, it is presumed that this would result in an early inventory liquidation and resumption of orders and production, the President's report noted.—United Press.

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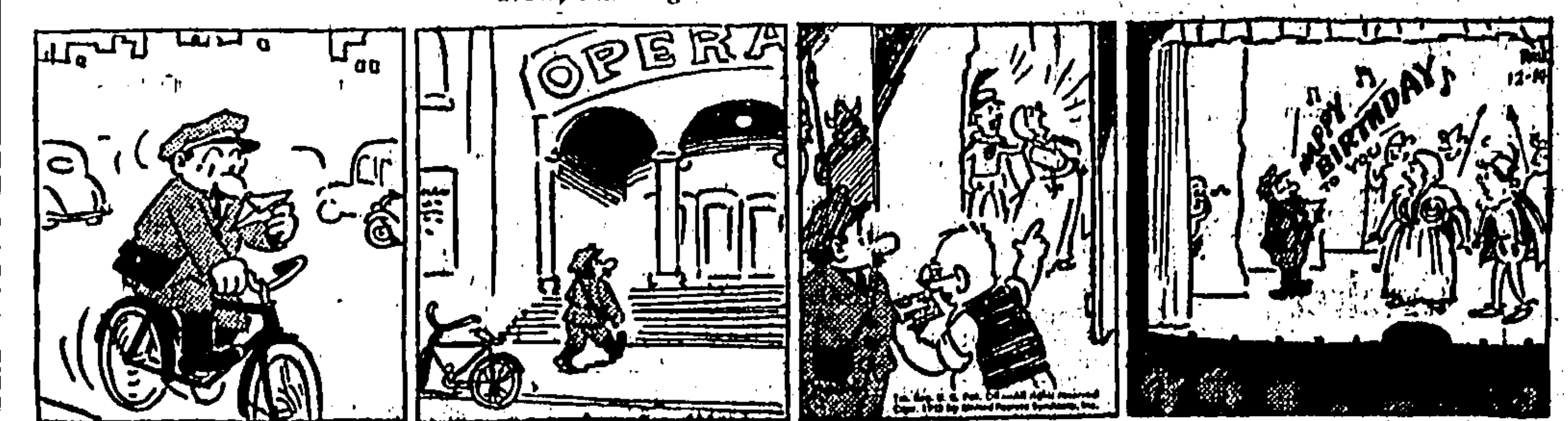
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Four Women From Red China In UK

London, Feb. 7.

Four women from Communist China arrived here from Peking tonight for a two weeks' visit as guests of Mrs. Sydney Silverman, wife of a Labour Member of Parliament.

Mrs. Silverman visited China with her husband in 1952.

The party was met at the London airport by Mr. Silverman, who told newsmen that "we want to show them that China is not the only country doing good". They would have a general look round, he said.

Those in the party were Mrs. Meng-jun Luo, secretary of the All-China Democratic Women's Federation; Mrs. Yun-yu Yang, vice-president of the Peking Democratic Women's Federation; Mrs. Chuen-heng Wu, editor of the "Women of China" and an interpreter; Mrs. Yu Sheng-Feng.

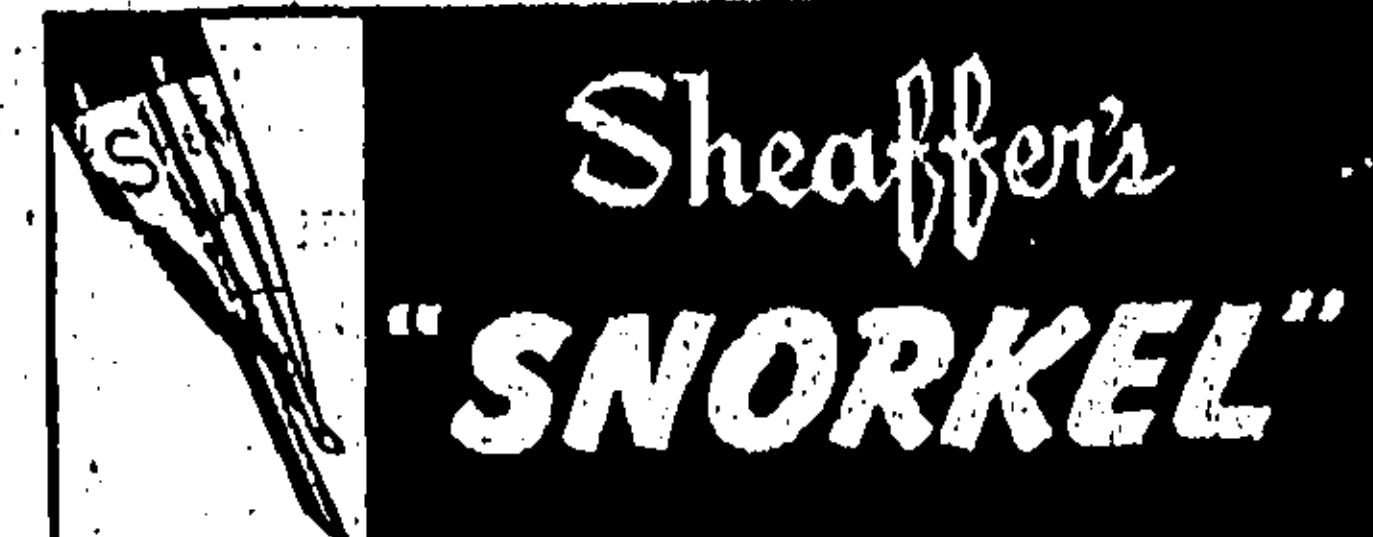
Paul Althaus Dead

New York, Feb. 7.

Mr. Paul Althaus, an American theologian who was active in the Christian Church in the Netherlands, died yesterday.

Mr. Althaus was born in 1892 in the Netherlands. He came to the United States in 1920 and became a naturalized citizen. He was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and the National Academy of Sciences. He was also a member of the National Council on Religion and the National Council on the Status of Women.

This situation calls for a San Miguel



JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK

The Street
Of Women

WOMEN, to Michael, the side-street in W.C.I. where he lodged, seemed full of them. And all of them against him. Women taunting him and twitting him and tearing his character to shreds. Women hissing, hooting, jeering, gibing. A world of scolds, viragos, vixens, shrews, baying at his heels.

"Clear out, all of you," he shouted to them. "Let me get out of here, let me get out of God's air, away from you all." He gave a mighty kick at the door that barred his way. Pain flaked off, but the door did not give.

The shock of the blow brought Michael back to his senses a little. He remembered he was not inside trying to break out, but outside trying to break in, that not a horde of women were against him, only two.

"DON'T LET HIM STAY" THEY were on the further side of the door, giving moral support to the lock and the bolts, against his onslaught. His landlady, and a friend.

"Let me in," Michael bellowed.

A policeman strode up through the darkness. "Now, then," he said calmly, "what's all the trouble?"

"He's smashed the place up, and I'm having no more of him," Michael's landlady said, opening the door a shade.

"I pay her plenty, and you can run away," said Michael to the policeman. He pushed into the house and down to a basement room.

"Oh please, don't let him stay; he'll wreck the place," Michael's landlady pleaded.

"I WASN'T THERE" THE officer called up Michael and tried to calm him. When he would not be calmed, the policeman arrested him for being drunk and disorderly.

At Bow Street, next morning, Michael, a big, ginger-headed Irishman, pleaded not guilty to the charge before Mr. Bertram Reece.

His attitude to the women he had offended the night before seemed to have undergone a change.

"I want this case remanded," he said, when the policeman had told him the story. "I'm bringing those two women here to say I wasn't there when I was arrested."

Mr. Reece puzzled for a moment over this novel defence, then said in a man-to-man voice: "They might come here and say something quite different, you know."

MISUNDERSTANDING "Till chance that," Michael said, confidently.

A week later he was back. There was a sheepish grin on his face—and there were no women witnesses to speak for him. "Ahem, I'd like to change my plea to guilty," he said.

A police-sergeant went into the witness-box. "I gather," he said, "that since this occurrence this man has talked to his landlady, who explained what happened on that night."

"Which I didn't remember myself," Michael added, helpfully. "You see, I didn't know I was in the street. I was thinking myself inside the house and all."

"You sound to have been in a rather bad way," said the magistrate.

"Just a misunderstanding," said Michael, complacently.

GOD BLESS 'EM "Till discharge you absolutely, but you'll have to pay 25s. costs for the doctor who examined you," said the magistrate.

"Sure, I'll do that," Michael said, and he went away gaily delivering elaborate winks to all the women in the court. "The lad, God bless 'em," said his winks and his expression.

What's His Law? Solution
SHEPHERD'S ARMY

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER
ODD ITEMS ABOUT
THE ROYAL VISIT

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Feb. 5.

Authorities estimate that well over a million words have been sent to the world's press by correspondents covering the Royal visit to Sydney and it is reasonable to assume that Hongkong has received its share of them.

You'll know, no doubt, that Sydney turned on one of its very best days on Wednesday, that a million people roared a welcome to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, that Sydney is a mad carnival centre, of real beauty when flood-lit at night, bright and chattering by day, with endless crowds lining those streets where, sometime in the hours to come, the Queen is scheduled to drive.

But there are a few interesting points which may have missed out in the word economy of cables.

The Governor-General, Field Marshal Sir William Slim, and the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, were in high fettle as they waited on the gaily decorated pontoon for the Royal Visitors to leave the Royal Yacht Gothic. Indicating a nearby group of uncomfortable looking characters in homburgs, top hats, cutaway coats, dark lounge suits &c, the Prime Minister said to Sir William: "I admit, sir, that they look like a team of wharf-labourers waiting for work at a pickup centre, but you have my assurance that they are not—they're MY Cabinet."

One man who gains much from the recent doings of the Queen is arch swindler Reginald Aubrey Doyle, now serving 10 years on 15 charges of fraud involving nearly £100,000. He gets a remission of 80 days for the visit, and gained 140 days for the Coronation last June. It wasn't all net gain, however, for he lost 70 days for having contraband (money) in his cell.

Only people cursing Sydney's gay carnival are taxi-drivers. They are finding it impossible to move in jammed streets and are refusing fares—particularly at night.

Migrants in Sydney's foreign colony—King's Cross—have put this neatly printed notice in the windows of many shops owned by new Australians:

"We, people of many lands, who have lost their family, our friends and our freedom, greet your lovely Queen and her husband—the living symbols of British liberty, humanity and justice and we give thanks to God and the people of Australia for having given us a new happy haven and a new heaven of happiness."

Which is a very nice gesture indeed.

News had to be good to make the papers this week. A man who terrorised a family for eight hours before shooting himself rated less than a column—a front page story any other time.

Papers, incidentally, have had record sales. It was impossible to buy a paper in Sydney by 8 a.m. after the day of the landing.

TO AND FRO Last Monday was a holiday in this country—Australia Day—in which we celebrate the landing of Captain Cook. So schools were closed from their Christmas vacation on Thursday. Wednesday was a public holiday for the Royal visit so schools went back again on Thursday, but were closed again on Friday as a gesture to the Royal Couple.

Seems it would have been so much simpler to have given the whole week off. The present system can't have done much from an educational point of view, and certainly had a number of mothers very close to distraction.

And while talking about schools... Thousands of toddlers were turned away this year because schools cannot accommodate them. School starting age in New South Wales is five years, but dozens of schools this year took in only the six-year-olds because of space problems.

This worry has been getting greater each year and is something which must be giving the powers-that-be considerable food for thought.

How to be married and pay till it hurts... A 31-year-old company director has been ordered to pay his wife £71.15 a week alimony pending the divorce case. The sum is said to be a record for New South Wales.

REPARATIONS CHARTS It was revealed this week that Japanese Navy charts have been used by Australia Service and commercial aircraft and ships of the Royal Australian Navy and

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Nothing to it! You just hang from the limb by one hand, and let go!"

Appeal Is Allowed:
Conviction Quashed

An appeal against conviction and sentence imposed by a Magistrate on Lo Hung, assistant manager of Easton House, 7-16 Sau Wa Terrace, was upheld by the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice C. W. Reece in the Appeal Court this morning.

Appellant was charged before Mr. Lawrence Leong with knowingly permitting Easton House to be used as a lodging house for prostitutes. He was convicted and fined \$1,000 and three months' hard labour.

Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. P. C. Woo, appeared for appellant. The Crown was represented by Mr. D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel.

Mr. Bernacchi said that his was an appeal against what he submitted an extraordinary conviction and an even more extraordinary sentence.

Counsel submitted that the learned Magistrate had completely misdirected himself as to the facts that were necessary to prove a case of this nature, and whilst he had discretion to do so, the learned Magistrate, Counsel went on, took the rather extraordinary step of completely altering the charge after the Prosecution's case had been closed.

The Prosecution set out to prove a charge of keeping a lodging house for prostitutes and the learned Magistrate altered the charge and convicted appellant for keeping a brothel, Mr. Bernacchi said.

THREE NECESSITIES There were three necessary ingredients to the offence, Counsel submitted.

It was necessary to establish (a) that the appellant was a keeper of the premises within the meaning of the Ordinance; (b) that the appellant had means (a) guilty knowledge; and (c) that the premises were a brothel.

Turning to the Magistrate's decision, Counsel said that Mr. Leong stated that the only question was whether there was not evidence that the appellant had knowingly permitted the hotel to be used as a brothel. Mr. Bernacchi submitted that right in the first line the Magistrate had completely misdirected himself by that statement. He called on evidence to disprove appellant's knowledge, Counsel added.

His Lordship observed that certain passages in the decision were copied verbatim from the Holland case, but the Magistrate did not go far enough.

Mr. Bernacchi said that the Magistrate took two judgments and fitted his decision verbatim. One was from the Holland case and the other from a Hongkong judgment. On these two judgments, Counsel said, the Magistrate based the whole case.

He said that the Magistrate had said, "Counsel asked how far would the Court desire him to argue on the case."

His Lordship said that in a case before him recently—in which the facts were precisely the same as those in the present case—Counsel did not offer any evidence to support the conviction. The appellant in that case was represented by the Hon. Leo d'Amato, QC, he added. The case ended almost before it started. In the present case he had to examine what Mr. Rea's attitude was in the case.

Possession Case:
Judge's Ruling
On Point Of Law

A ruling that an Occupation Certificate was not conclusive evidence that a building is an entirely new building was given by Judge James Wicks in the Victoria District Court this morning when he handed down his decision on a point of law which had been raised during the hearing of an action for possession before him two weeks ago.

Plaintiff was Mr. Ma Kan-chan, baker, of 50 Bonham Street West, who asked for an order for possession of premises at Nos. 1, 5, 7, 13, 15, and 17 Landale Street, Wanchai, and for mesne profits from December 1, 1953, to date of possession.

Defendants were the Kai Nam firm of 1 Landale Street, Pang Chuen, of No. 5, the Kam Shing firm of No. 7, and the Hop Shing firm, occupiers of Nos. 13, 15 and 17.

Mr. F. Zimmern represented the plaintiff, and Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Messrs. Bernacchi, appeared for all the defendants.

Plaintiff's case was that he was the owner of the premises involved, and that the defendants were monthly tenants until November 30, 1953, when the tenancies were terminated by notice to quit. By reason of that notice, the contractual liabilities between the parties were terminated in all cases.

A witness for the plaintiff was his brother, Mr. Ma Kan-woon, baker, of 15 Yuk Sau Street. He testified he was one of the beneficial owners of the property in Landale Street and said it was bought by his brother on November 15, 1947. Witness produced an Occupation Certificate in evidence.

Following objection by Mr. Bernacchi to a question asked by Mr. Bernacchi, the hearing was adjourned for a ruling from the Court.

This morning Judge Wicks handed down the following ruling (he did not read it as he was feeling indisposed):

THE CERTIFICATE The Plaintiff by his witness having put in evidence an Occupation Certificate in respect of the premises, the subject matter of these actions Mr. Bernacchi, who appeared for the Defendants, sought to cross-examine the witness on the state of the buildings before the Certificate was granted. Mr. Zimmern, who appeared for the Plaintiff, objected to the question, contending that the Certificate, having been issued by the Building Authority under Section 137 of the Building Ordinance, and stating on the face of it that the buildings were new buildings, the Defendants could not go behind it except for such purposes as to show that it was a forgery or it has been improperly issued.

Mr. Zimmern further contends that repairs, demolitions, alterations and additions to an existing building being done with under Section 131 of the Ordinance, where a special certificate is provided for, Section 137 of the Ordinance, and the Occupation Certificate issued thereunder are restricted to new buildings, which buildings ipso facto are entirely new buildings under Section 3(1)(a) of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance.

Mr. Bernacchi argues that the term new building having been defined in Section 2 of the Building Ordinance to include existing buildings which have been reconstructed, and the word entirely qualifying the term new building in Section 3(1)(a) of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, it is necessary that two requirements be fulfilled before a building can be brought within the description "entirely new building," first all new materials must have been used, and secondly the building must have been newly constructed from the foundations up.

RESPONSIBILITY The effect of Sections 131 and 137 of the Building Ordinance is to make the architect responsible for the proper carrying out of all building work, Section 131 relating to repairs, demolition, alterations or additions to existing buildings, and Section 137 to any new building or part of a building and any other building work included in the definition of new building found in Section 2 of the Ordinance. I agree with Mr. Zimmern that it is a matter for the Building Authority to decide in each case whether building work comes within Section 131 or Section 137.

The word "entirely" employed in Section 3(1)(a) of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, restricts the application of the words which follow; that is new building and, reading the

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For making his passenger boat to convey cargo, the Pui-chai, 20 master of "junk" was fined \$20 by Mr. A. G. Parker at the Marine Court this morning.

Sub-Inspector S. E. Dirken, prosecuting, told the Court that defendant's vessel was intercepted at the southern entrance of the Yau-nai typhoon shelter on Sunday night. Six camphor wood chests, two nests of babies and four leather suitcases were found on board.

Defendant, in mitigation, said that the goods belonged to a marine hawk who had gone ashore. He did not consider they were ordinary cargo.

"STRANGE NOTICE" In our Gazette Supplement will be found a notice of correspondence with the Foreign Office, regarding the Provisional Regulations, on the subject of the return to the United Kingdom of the papers of American vessels on their leaving port without securing the provisions of a Chinese Customs clearance, as long as vessels under the Foreign Vessels Act are allowed to the Chinese to enter or leave port without reporting and paying duties on their cargo, as is at present the case.

The moment the Customs-house regulations are enforced upon all foreign vessels, a return to them will be required upon the part of those under the American flag. It is pointed out that the right to claim any advantage enjoyed by the most favoured nation is the right of the American flag, and not of the Chinese flag.

Notification The undersigned has to communicate to the undersigned, in accordance with the Provisional Regulations, on the subject of the return to the United Kingdom of the papers of American vessels on their leaving port without securing the provisions of a Chinese Customs clearance, as long as vessels under the Foreign Vessels Act are allowed to the Chinese to enter or leave port without reporting and paying duties on their cargo, as is at present the case.

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Cargo Aboard
Passenger Junk

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"STRANGE NOTICE" In our Gazette Supplement will be found a notice of correspondence with the Foreign Office, regarding the Provisional Regulations, on the subject of the return to the United Kingdom of the papers of American vessels on their leaving port without securing the provisions of a Chinese Customs clearance, as long as vessels under the Foreign Vessels Act are allowed to the Chinese to enter or leave port without reporting and paying duties on their cargo, as is at present the case.

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RESIGNATION
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Cairo, Feb. 7. Egypt's Revolutionary Council tonight refused to accept the resignation from the Cabinet of the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Dr. Hilmy Bahgat Badawi.

He tendered his resignation yesterday on the grounds of ill health. But the Revolutionary Council has decided to keep Dr. Badawi in the Cabinet as Minister of State and has appointed his deputy, Dr. Hassan Boghady, Minister of Commerce and Industry—Routier.

HMS NEWCASTLE HERE HMS Birmingham, fired a salute at 8 o'clock this morning to Rear-Admiral G. V. Gladstone, Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Station, who arrived this morning from Northern waters aboard his flagship, HMS Newcastle. The Newcastle returned the salute.

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